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REWARD FOR 'BRAVE' BARRY MAN - AND LOCAL PC IS COMMENDED

Man (35) is jailed for three years for Barry travel agent robbery

A WOMAN working in a Barry travel agency was "petrified" and believed she would die when a man walked in and carried out a robbery.

Ryan Lambert (35) of

by AJ SICLUNA

no fixed address, fled from Thompsons Travel Agency in Holton Road, Barry, with £2,190 in a plastic carrier bag.

He was spotted by an off-duty police officer and was finally

restrained by a member of the public.

Lambert pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery and was jailed for three years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Judge Philip Richards told him: "This was a very serious offence. The premises were targeted and they contained vulnerable persons."

"You planned the robbery and you had a hammer which people believed was a gun."

Prosecutor David Thomas said that at about 4pm on March 12, Lambert, wearing a balaclava, went into the travel agency and approached Emma Parkes in the foreign exchange section and shouted: "Give me the money, I want your money, put the money in the bag."

A member of staff believed he had a gun but it turned out to be a hammer. As Lambert fled, PC Stephen Gunney, who was off duty, was walking past with his children. He asked a member of the public to look after them and gave chase.

Lambert went into a flat in nearby Kingsland

Crescent and locked the door.

Mr Christopher Cooper saw what was happening, got his dog and when Lambert left, confronted him.

"There was a scuffle and Lambert was restrained until the police arrived. He had the money on him."

He told the police he planned the robbery that morning and had the hammer to "defend himself".

Mr Thomas said that Ms Parkes was petrified and had feared for her life.

Lambert's counsel, Nicholas Gareth Jones, said: "He's at the end of his tether because he was told his benefits were being stopped."

"To one member of the staff, he appeared not to know what he was doing."

"Fortunately, no actual violence was used and he has specifically asked me to apologise."

PC Gunney was commended by the judge and Mr Cooper of Barry was also commended, described as "a very brave man" and given a reward of £250.

Election hopefuls named

THE full list of parliamentary candidates for the Vale of Glamorgan constituency has been published, after the deadline expired on Tuesday.

Seven candidates will be contesting the Vale, and they are listed as follows: Alun Cairns - Conservative; Alana Davies - Labour; Ian Johnson - Plaid Cymru; Eluned Parrott - Liberal Democrats; Kevin Mahoney - UKIP; Rhodri Thomas - Green Party; John Harrold - Christian Party.

The seven hopefuls recently attended a hustings in Barry, and they are pictured on page 11.

BARRY WORKERS HAILED HEROES AS THEY SAVE MAN BURIED ALIVE AND GIVE HIM KISS OF LIFE

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE family of a Barry man who was rescued after a trench collapsed on him has hailed his work colleagues from the town as 'real heroes'.

Jamie Sim - known as Ginger - aged 33, of Cornwall Rise, remains in a critical condition and on a life support machine at Royal Lancaster Infirmary, but according to his mother, Julie Williams, is only alive thanks to the lightning response and courage of his friends.

Julie told The GEM: "Jamie was working as a contractor on a pipeline in Main Avenue, Heysham, Lancaster on April 14."

"He was in a trench two metres deep when it collapsed on him, rendering him unconscious."

What followed was a desperate operation by

colleagues and the emergency services to save Jamie's life.

"The actions of his friends and colleagues from Barry was so heroic. They immediately began to use machinery to clear away the large amounts of earth to reach Jamie."

"They then put themselves at risk by entering the trench, clearing away debris by hand from his head and chest so they could give him the kiss of life."

"They alone kept Jamie alive until the emergency services arrived."

"The whole of Jamie's family are grateful to his friends from Barry - Johnny Adams, Lyndon Thomas, Steven

Donovan, Dave Pirie and Steven Bannon - to us they are great friends and real heroes."

thank people in Barry for their prayers.

Jamie's aunt, Nicola Mills, added: "It is only thanks to the actions of the men with Jamie that his life was saved. They were the ones who got in there to get him out - one gave him the kiss of life - all before the paramedics arrived."

"Julie and Tony, and the family, are with him now. Jamie is in a critical condition, but is stable."

VIGIL

The family have kept a vigil at Jamie's bedside since the accident and said they wanted to thank staff at Lancaster hospital for all their help, and

DINAS COLLISION

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a serious road traffic collision which took place at 2am on Wednesday, April 21, on Cardiff Road in Dinas Powys.

Only one vehicle was involved, a silver coloured Volkswagen Golf. The driver suffered serious injuries and has been taken to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff where his condition is described as 'life threatening'.

Witnesses are asked to contact either the Roads Policing Unit on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

FREEDOM MARCH FOR THE MEDICS



ABOVE:

The Cardiff-based 203 Welsh Field Hospital (volunteers) - the only Territorial Army medical unit in the Principality - received the freedom of the Vale on Saturday, and marched through Barry. For Glyn Evans' pictorial record of the day, please turn to page 12.

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Local residents oppose biomass power plant

IT was pleasing to see that all seven of the prospective parliamentary candidates for the Vale constituency were able to appear at the well attended 'climate change' meeting at the Tabernacle in Barry organised by Christian Aid.

It was also encouraging that all of the candidates expressed their firm opposition to the second application for a biomass power plant by

Sunrise Renewables Ltd.

This re-enforces the position of Barry Town Council, who along with the majority of local residents, are calling for the rejection of the planning application.

I urge any reader who has not yet done so, to object by writing to the head of planning (Mr R Thomas) at the Barry Dock Offices without further delay. We do not want this plant and it's pollution in Barry! I hope the proposal will be thrown out at the planning meeting on May 20. **David McCulloch, Barry.**

'That unnecessary digital switchover'

MREMYR HUGHES ('Wales not a digital guinea pig' GEM last week) thinks the vast majority of viewers have had no problems!

I haven't met anyone who is happy, and my own experience beggars belief.

Unlike recent letter writer James Wild, about the only station I can get now is ITV Wales, and that comes and goes without warning. What's the point of dozens of extra unwanted channels if you can't get the basics?

The helpline (supposed to be for the benefit of pensioners like myself) is worse than useless. Whatever happened to that charming

young man, looking for wife, who was supposed to help the elderly?

After the first re-tune (March 3) I couldn't switch the set on at all, and I had to spend good money on professional assistance.

After March 31, I found I was now not living in Wales but in the west of England.

Now I'm lucky to get the BBC channels at all – and I suppose I shall be faced with extra unexpected expenses to retrieve any kind of normal viewing!

My daughter in Cardiff has to return over and over again. Proud that Wales is the first nation to complete this unnecessary process? Not us! Yours in utter frustration!

Patricia Price, Cowbridge

Wouldn't it be lovely?

Wouldn't it be lovely if all our councillors forgo their imminent four per cent pay rise and use the money to repair our potholed roads. Then everyone would be happy! **Marjorie Voaden, Rhooose**

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'IT IS TIME TO REDEFINE THE ISLAND'S FUTURE'

PLANs for providing tourist accommodation with a static caravan site at Nells Point are to be welcomed – so long as high environmental standards are met and much greater imagination and flair is used for developing the rest of the site.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to redefine and transform Barry Island as a tourist attraction.

Assuming a budget hotel, cinema and other leisure facilities are catered for in the plans for the Fairground and Waterfront sites, any criteria for developing the Nells Point site must aim to:

- create iconic family visitor attractions;
 - extend the range of all-year round and wet weather facilities;
 - provide better facilities for the water sport users;
 - extend the range of tourist accommodation in the area, such as a caravan site;
 - include some residential development to provide funding for community developments.
- New ideas such as a Sea Life centre/aquarium, like the one in Tynemouth (a resort very similar to Barry, on the outskirts of Newcastle) need to be developed on the site where they do not take up much land, yet provide excellent family entertainment.

As a resident on the Island, I have witnessed many unhappy

visitors, such as coach trips from the West Midlands, who arrive on a wet or dull day and there is nothing for them to do.

By making the most of the Nells Point site, in conjunction with the Fairground and Waterfront sites, there is a real chance to redefine Barry as a year-round, all-weather tourist destination to boost the economy and transform the image of our area.

Sadly, the current proposals are selling the Island and local people short by aiming low, failing to show any enterprise, drive or imagination to make the most of this fantastic site and opportunity.

If we tolerate this I don't think future generations will thank us. **Andy Green, Barry Island**

Questions over conservation area cuts in Llantwit Major

IF anyone is surprised or disturbed by the reduction in size of the Llantwit Major conservation area, they have not heard or read of statements by the current government about house-building on green belts, or in the countryside generally.

No-one has said why this is desirable or necessary. A few weeks ago, The GEM published a notice from the Vale Council on designation and variation of conservation areas. It listed 19 areas.

In 15, the areas had been reduced in size. A number were altered to provide "logical boundaries" – exactly the opposite of what has been done in Llantwit.

Only one area – Broughton – was enlarged.

The cabinet member for planning, Coun Jeff James, is quoted as saying: "I am satisfied that the issues were given an extremely fair, open and rigorous assessment ...there was widespread consultation."

The Llantwit Major Local History Society has about 200 members, and a committee of 20. We were sent one copy of the draft document, so discussion was very limited.

A 'surgery' was held here for one day, advertised by a small paragraph in The GEM.

If there were other notices, I have not spoken to anyone who has seen one.

In a meeting with the conservation officer, I was told that 13 people attended, apart from

councillors and officers. According to the Vale Council officers, letters regarding the reviews in Llantwit Major and Boverton were sent to all residents.

I know several residents who were not informed. Widespread consultation?

Thanks to pressure from local councillors and historians, a meeting was held with Vale officers. It was quite clear that the Vale would not budge. The decisions had been made.

Who will benefit

from this reduction in protection for our communities, and who will lose? Local people, or builders and developers, as the planning process will be less rigorous?

Last year, a planning application to build on the site of the old sorting office was rejected, partly on the unsuitability of the design in a conservation area.

What happens now? Do we wait for the election and hope for better? A plague on both their houses.

Vivian Kelly, Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
22 Thur	00.24	8.0	13.12	7.8
23 Fri	01.49	7.9	14.37	7.9
24 Sat	03.09	8.2	15.58	8.4
25 Sun	04.22	8.7	16.49	8.8
26 Mon	05.13	9.3	17.42	9.4
27 Tues	06.02	9.7	18.32	9.7
28 Wed	06.56	9.9	19.16	10.0
29 Thur	07.37	10.0	19.58	9.9

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Three generation skydive nets local charity cool £1,000

by TIM CHAPMAN

A BRAVE mother, grandmother and grand daughter from Barry have completed a dare-devil skydive from 13,000 feet to raise money for a local mental health charity.

Mum Debbie Twigg (48) grandmother Marie (70) and daughter Tegan (19) spoke to The GEM just weeks ago about their fears of launching themselves from a plane high above a Swansea airfield – at the time Debbie said: “The thought of it does turn our stomachs a bit!”

However, the day was such a success that all them would like to have another go!

Debbie said: “We had good weather and the sun was shining. We were supported by an excellent team from Skydive Swansea, along with family and friends.

“We were all nervous on the day, but the experience was awesome.



ABOVE: Debbie, Tegan and Marie back on terra firma having raised more than £1,000 for Gofal Cymru.

“The plane had to go round again for mum as her nerves got the better of her. It appeared to her that Tegan and I had fallen out of the plane!”

“However, she completed her jump and we are all very proud of her and are all still buzzing from the experience.”

“Tegan wanted to take to the skies as soon as she landed, mum is considering doing another skydive sometime in the future and I would do it again!”

The most important

thing was that between the three of them, they have raised just over their target figure of £1000 which will go to Gofal Cymru.

Debbie added: “We would like to thank everyone who has sponsored and supported us while raising money for the charity.”

Debbie is still taking donations so if you would like to contribute or would like further information on the charity you can contact her at Gofal Cymru, 54 Holton Road, Barry,

CF63 4HE, tel no 01446 742941. To donate you can also go to www.justgiving.com/Debbie-Twigg

Work is under way on Dinas bus lane scheme

A 30 week road engineering scheme on the outskirts of Dinas Powys is part of an overall Assembly strategy to encourage the use of public transport and support economic growth through improved bus links.

Construction of the first bus lane in the Vale on Cardiff Road between Eastbrook in Dinas Powys and the Merrie Harrier junction during peak periods.

The Vale cabinet member for planning and transportation Coun Jeff James, who is also chair of Sewta, said: “I am delighted that, after a number of years promoting this scheme, that work has now commenced on site.

“The bus lane, which will also provide cycle and pedestrian facilities, will help to encourage more people to move from their cars and try either public transport or cycling, reduce congestion and promote healthier travel.”

The Vale’s operational manager for engineering design and procurement, Paul Gay, said: “The initial phase of the contract will comprise the construction of the proposed

buses travelling towards Cardiff over other vehicles queuing on the approach to the Merrie Harrier junction during peak periods.

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new cycleway and footway within the adjoining land to the north of Cardiff Road. Footway access will be maintained while works to the bus lane continue.”

He stressed: “The council is working closely with the contractor (Morrison Construction Ltd) to minimise disruption to traffic caused as a result of the works.”

ABOVE: Land to the left of the road going out of Dinas Powys, in the direction of Llandough, is being used as a part of a scheme to create an extra lane for buses.

Vale trading standards issue a warning on ‘escort’ jobs

If you’ve been tempted to take work as an escort, think again. The Vale Council’s trading standards department has reported a rise in complaints about ‘bogus agencies’.

The scams involve a demand for fees up front before work, if any, is provided.

Simon Wilkinson, principal trading standards officer, warned: “This scam may be more prevalent at this time, when the promise of earning some extra money may tempt people into signing up with escort agencies – if you are interested in this type of work, proceed very cautiously and ask lots of questions.”

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Penarth couple deliver a 'first class' award to Postie Dave

PENARTH COUPLE Non and Gwenallt Rees, have scooped Royal Mail's UK-wide £1,000 prize draw after nominating their local postman for a 'First Class Award'.

Customers were invited to say why their postman deserved to be chosen as a First Class Postman or Postwoman in Royal Mail's annual competition, to find posties who go the extra mile whilst living and working in their local communities.

Mr Rees, said of their postman, Dave Martin: "It gives us great pleasure to nominate Dave Martin for this award. The service he provides is second to none. His

deliveries are always conducted in the most efficient and caring manner and always courteously and genially. "Nothing is too much trouble for him in ensuring that we receive a first class service. He is an undoubted asset to Royal Mail."

More than 20 letters from neighbours also nominated Dave for Royal Mail's First Class People Award.

Dave (54) and a postman for 15 years, said: "I am really chuffed by what the customers have said about me. It is so nice to be recognised and for people to make the effort to write in and tell someone about it. It gave me a real lift when I got back off holiday this week."

Penarth delivery office manager, Jonathan

Windsor, said: "Dave is an excellent and hard-working postman and I am not surprised his customers think so highly of him. I have no hesitation in backing their nominations."

Royal Mail has 100,000 postmen and women in the UK who deliver to 28 million addresses. In Wales, there are 6,500 postmen and women, delivering to 1.5 million addresses.

Regional winners in each of three categories received a £500 prize. From the regional finalists, a national winner is chosen in each category and they receive £1000 each and a glass trophy. There is one overall winner Postman of the Year, who wins £3000 for a holiday.

Aimee is first lucky winner!



Sharon George hands over the shopping vouchers to Aimee Thompson.

HIGH STREET Traders are pleased to announce the first lucky winner in their 2010 monthly prize draw.

DJ Gareth Sweeney and Steve Powell of radio station Bro Radio 98.1 FM, drew the winning ticket and the lucky winner was Miss Aimee Thompson of Barry.

She received £100 of shopping vouchers from Sharon George of MJM Computers outside

Strands Hair Salon, who sold the winning ticket.

High Street Traders are holding a raffle every month, so if you want to be in with a chance to win, pop into any shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign, buy a ticket and who knows, you could be the next lucky winner! There are £100 of shopping vouchers to be won.

Art in Penarth FUTURE events at the Washington Gallery include:

Until May 23, British art medal exhibition. A unique exhibition spread across four Cardiff venues, including the National Museum.

Until May 14, new work by Jackie Morris. The opening evening is on April 23, 7pm-9pm when the exhibition will be opened by Simon Dancy.

Workshops: Children's art club every Wednesday and Thursday, 4pm-5pm; Pen and wash workshop 2pm-4pm, April 28; Pastel workshop 10am-12noon, April 29; Harp workshop 10am-4pm, May 23.

Until May 9, wood and rush - an exhibition of 2D and 3D work by Lyn Griffiths, Pat Johnson and Daphne Lancaster.

20 years of memories!

RECENTLY, I attended an open day at Rhosse Bwls Club which was to celebrate 20 years since the green was first officially opened by me when I was Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council in 1990.

I was fortunate enough to be the first president of the club for the two years 1990 to 1992 and it was an absolute delight to see so many members of the club and their many guests enjoying a friendly game of bowls.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and congratulations to the officers and members of the club for organising a successful day and for their kindness and hospitality.

Coun Jeffrey James, Rhosse

Boverton driver (18) crashed and caused death of close friend

by AJ SICLUNA

A DRINK driver who caused the death of a close friend after losing control of his car on a bend has been sent to a young offender institution for three-and-a-half years and disqualified from driving for five years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Adam Thorogood (18) of Boverton had passed his driving test only four weeks before. After the crash, he was found to be one-and-a-half times over the drink driving limit and, said prosecutor Michael Jones, he had taken cannabis some hours before.

James Coates, aged 18, an apprentice bricklayer, described by his mother as being a happy person, was ejected from the car when it overturned on a left-hand bend between Llantwit Major and St Athan, and his body was found beneath a tree. He died from multiple injuries.

Thorogood who had no previous convictions, admitted causing the death of Mr Coates by driving carelessly and with excess alcohol.

When he was arrested, he told the police he "had taken a chance" by driving that night. A chance, he said, that went "terribly wrong".

Judge Stephen Hopkins told Thorogood: "Drink drivers maim or kill innocent people."

Mr Jones said that in the early hours of August 22, Thorogood went with Mr Coates and two other friends, Matthew Bawden and Jonathan Luxton, to a 24-hour garage to buy cigarettes.

But five minutes later, he lost control of his car which hit a verge and trees and turned over.

A pilot, Gavin Andrews, driving home from Cardiff Wales Airport, despite braking hard, struck the car which was on its roof.

Thorogood was repeatedly saying: "What have I done? What have I done?" and said he had been drinking. Mr Bawden and Mr Luxton had to be cut free from the vehicle.

No mechanical defects were found in the car.

Mr Jones said that Thorogood confessed to have been drinking and to have taken "some weed" earlier that day.

He said he had a vague recollection of the incident but said that at one point, his car "went nuts".

He also said he had not been a confident driver at night and sometimes forgot to put on his

lights.

"This defendant was an inexperienced driver who had taken excess alcohol and cannabis before deciding to drive at night to get cigarettes. It was a decision which had tragic consequences," said Mr Jones.

Defence counsel Jeremy Jenkins said Thorogood and his family approached the case in a realistic way and did not have any false hopes.

He said he had lost a close friend and his remorse was heartfelt and genuine.

His behaviour, said Mr Jenkins, was totally uncharacteristic and the consequences were tragic.

He said Thorogood had written a letter to the court saying that he thought about what had happened last thing at night and when he woke up in the morning.

"There's not a day when I don't think about James and his family," he wrote.

Mr Jenkins said the reason for the accident remains a mystery.

No sentence, he added, could cover his loss.

The judge told Thorogood he would have to live for the rest of his life with the memory, but it was nothing compared to the suffering being experienced by Mr Coates' mother.

Pupils inspire Mayor to get busy drawing!



Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams with local youngsters Sam Pezack and David Horgan-Harding, and artist Nicola Tucker.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, has rediscovered his drawing talents as part of the current exhibition at Art Central (Barry).

Drawings, which are on display, have been produced by local children and adults in conjunction with an animation art exhibition, 'Art You Grew Up With', which runs at the Vale Council's exhibition

space until Saturday, May 1.

The main feature of the exhibition is a series of prints and gels displaying characters from Nickelodeon's modern-day underwater adventure 'SpongeBob SquarePants.' Also featured are classic characters from days gone by, including 'Bagpuss,' 'Ivor the Engine' and 'Mr Benn.'

Attending the official opening of the exhibition, Coun Williams joined children in producing drawings of

'SpongeBob.' He said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the children, and then doing my best to match their drawings! I've not drawn for a long time; not since I was an engineer in the Navy."

Art Central is open Tuesday to Saturday (10am-4pm), and admission is free.

For more information, telephone 01446 709805 or visit www.valeofglam.gov.uk/arts

10th Barry Guides celebrate centenary year with concert



ABOVE: The Barry Guides at the GLOW concert.

THREE members of 10th Barry Guides recently attended a special concert GLOW, held in St David's Hall, as part of a celebration of Thinking day in Cardiff and East Glamorgan.

A spokeswoman recalled that 100 years ago, Robert Baden-Powell, formed the Girl Guides - and as the 10th

Barry Guides members continue to celebrate, they emphasise that although the organisation has moved with the times and is as modern and ground-breaking today as it was in 1910, many of the core values remain the same.

The Guides had recently held a Pirate weekend at Cae Glas, as part of their centenary celebrations. They took part in crafts, cooking, physical activities and challenges, and had a

'Pirate Party'. Five new members made their promise.

This summer, many of the Guides are set to pack their bags and head to QUEST 2010 - a worldwide Girlguiding centenary camp in Oxfordshire - one of the highlights of this special year.

"A full programme of pursuits has been arranged by 10th Barry Guides to celebrate the milestone year and every single member is being encouraged to take on a personal challenge by getting involved in Adventure 100 - a chance

for everyone to experience something out of the ordinary during the year; to try new things and have fun," a spokeswoman said.

The Centenary finale will be held in October at Barry, attended by all sections, from Rainbows, Brownies, Guides Rangers and leaders and Trefoil Guild. A special promise badge will be released and the girls will all be remaking their promise.

Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units across Barry are short of leaders and helpers. Jane on 07900365180.

Philatelic society

BARRY Philatelic Society spring fair is being held on May 1, from 10am to 4.30pm at the Highlight Centre, Port Road.

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SUNDAY VISITORS ARRIVED TO THIS!



ABOVE: The major job of cleaning up Barry Island beach begins early on Sunday morning.

Island beach branded 'a disgrace' as visitors become litter pickers!

PEOPLE who arrived at Barry Island on Sunday planning to spend a day on the beach were disgusted at the sight they were confronted by – the golden sands were carpeted in litter.

The state of the beach was so bad that a number of early morning visitors helped council workers clear up the mess left by people from the day before.

Mrs Eve Waggett told The GEM: "To say I was gobsmacked when I took my two young children to Barry Island beach on Sunday morning would be an understatement.

"We had noticed a tremendous amount of litter on the pavements as we walked from the car but the sight that greeted us when we arrived at the beach was a complete disgrace!

"There was barely a square metre of sand that was free of litter left from the visitors the day before.

"The state of the beach was quite unbelievable and was mainly made up of empty beer bottles, cans and chip wrappers.

"There was no way that my family could have enjoyed our morning on the beach as it was, so I joined a dozen or so volunteers and picked up the rubbish.

"The two council workers assigned to the Island that day would never have managed without this help and

by TIM CHAPMAN

were very grateful for it." One of the things that most shocked Mrs Waggett was the irresponsibility of people who had discarded items. "The hazard of broken glass and sharp bottle tops was a real worry to me as my children played.

"Anyone visiting Barry Island to see the 'Gavin and Stacey' set would have been sorely disappointed and quite rightly disgusted.

"Whoever left the beach this way should be ashamed of themselves."

Elaine Edgerton of Rhosoe Lifeguards, who arrived for a Sunday morning training session, said that if the litter pickers hadn't done such a thorough job the club would have been forced to abandon their plans for the day.

"How people can leave a beach in this state I will never know.

"The list of rubbish left was endless – discarded barbecues, dirty nappies, punctured boats, chip papers, beer cans, not to mention all the broken glass from beer and wine bottles left strewn across the beach!

"I thought the beach was supposed to be a non alcohol area. Where are the police to enforce it?" Elaine had a strong message for Saturday's litter louts.

"I'm sure the people who left rubbish would be the first to complain if the beach wasn't clean,

or if their child, animal or even they got cut or hurt by a sharp can or broken bottle that was left.

"Some people are even sick enough to bury a broken bottle! Put your rubbish in a plastic bag and take it off the beach. There are plenty of bins where you can leave it. Have some consideration for other beach users."

NO ALCOHOL ZONE Local police said they would be enforcing the Island's 'no alcohol zone'.

Acting Chief Inspector, Louise Davies said: "Barry Island is a very popular family resort and we will not allow the actions of an irresponsible minority of people to spoil this.

"We are aware that there have been some problems on the Island recently and we are working closely with our partners in Safer Vale, trading standards, licensing and British Transport Police to address these.

"On Saturday, one person was arrested for a public order offence, and police officers will adopt a robust approach to policing the area, fully enforcing the 'no alcohol zone' on the Island and confiscating any alcohol which is being consumed in the area and dealing swiftly and effectively with any anti-social behaviour."

The operational manager (waste management and cleansing) at the Vale Council, Clifford Parish, said: "The warm and sunny weather, together

with the high number of visitors over the weekend of April 17-18, did result in some operational problems in cleaning the beach at Whitmore Bay. This was made worse by considerable heavy littering of the sand during the evening of April 17.

"Normally we do not experience such problems so early in the pre-season period and, unfortunately, the sheer amount of litter and refuse overwhelmed the pre-season staff available."

He explained: "The current staffing levels at Barry Island are considerably lower than the levels employed from the start of the bathing season in May.

"I can only apologise that we were unable to address the exceptional litter levels before visitors started to arrive on Sunday and would extend my thanks to those civic minded Barry Island traders and members of the public who volunteered to help our staff litter-pick the beach."

He pointed out that people had thrown away hazardous items such as broken glass, sharp objects, tops and hot disposable barbecues that could cause serious injury, and that if people acted properly fewer public resources would be required and it would be safer.

He added: "Littering is a crime and anyone caught committing it will be prosecuted."

FocusBARRY quiz evening

FocusBARRY is holding a social evening at the Millwood (formerly the Cwm Talwg) on Friday, April 30 at 7.30 pm.

Anyone interested in FocusBARRY is welcome to attend.

The evening will include a light buffet, a team quiz about the town and a recently-made DVD about Barry Island.

'THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR BUTLINS SITE TO BE DEVELOPED', say Island visitors and traders

PEOPLE in Barry appear to be enthusiastic about the prospect of a proposed redevelopment of the former Butlins site on the Island.

Last week, The GEM reported that the Vale cabinet was considering new proposals for the site – the main ones being a static caravan park with a leisure club and water-sports centre, or possibly a budget hotel and family pub-restaurant with a family park and children's play area.

On Friday, The GEM sought out the opinions of visitors to the resort, and traders whose livelihoods are dependant on the Island.

Ken Griffiths from Cardiff said: "Barry was

by TIM CHAPMAN

thriving in the days of Butlins because people came and stayed for a week or two, and spent money locally.

"Nowadays, the Island tends to get day trippers and they are not going to spend as much as holiday makers staying for a few days.

"A caravan park sounds a good idea as long as it is good quality and well managed."

Local couple David and Tina Simpson both worked for Butlins, David as entertainments manager and Tina as chief hostess, and both backed the idea of the caravan park.

Tina said: "A caravan park would bring new business to the Island. It would be good to see the

area being used again, although the people who live in the houses nearby may have a different view."

David pointed out Butlins holiday camp had a capacity of 6,000 people and their spending stimulated the town's economy – hopefully park visitors would do a similar thing.

Another local couple, Val and Bob Perkins, said it would be good to see something happening on the former Butlins site, and they preferred something which would encourage tourism.

Val explained: "If it brings people in, that would be better than more houses being built."

TRADERS

Naturally, local traders were keen on the site being developed, but said if the council did give the go ahead for a scheme it would be a vital vote of confidence in the Island's long term future as a visitor and tourist destination.

Pat Collins, who runs the entertainments on the promenade, explained: "We have attractions in Brean that are 100 per cent supported by trailer parks, and the business is good because there's a constant flow of families.

"Nowadays, new caravans are luxurious and spacious, so people shouldn't think it would be down-market in any way. Is Tenby down-market?"

Pat wasn't keen on the idea of a budget hotel, which he thought would attract the wrong sort of market. "It is a fact that 80 per cent of the people who stay in budget hotels tend to be contractors and business people – that would leave perhaps

only 20 per cent of uptake by real holiday makers."

Pat also sounded a warning: "This is the last chance to sort out Barry Island. It has so much going for it at the moment, particularly with the boost from Gavin and Stacey."

"The traders have all put in a real investment, but feel that if something major isn't done that they will face problems in years to come."

Vernon Studt, whose rides have brought new life to the Pleasure Park, said: "Having a development up there has got to be better than it just remaining as an open space. I think a caravan park would generate more business than a hotel."

Sue and Paul Chedzoy, who own Sea View Bakery, and have run businesses in Barry for more than 20 years, were pleased to hear that the council was assessing proposals for the Butlins site.

Sue liked the idea of the caravan park: "I look at the Island as rather like a cake – every local concern needs a slice – and I think visitors attracted by a caravan park would achieve that. A water-sports centre sounds brilliant!"

Paul suggested a split location, part taken up with a static caravan park, with the rest being devoted to an affordable hotel.

The GEM would not claim this snapshot of opinion is an extensive poll, but one theme that people emphasised loud and clear was that a prime Island site, unused for so long, should be developed for the good of the local economy.

(See the lead letter on page 2)

Gallic flavour for choral society concert

MEMBERS of Barry Choral Society are in the throes of rehearsals for a concert which they will be holding on Saturday, May 1 at All Saints Church, Barry.

The concert will commence at 7pm, which varies slightly from the usual starting time. The choir will perform under the baton of its musical director, Jo Herco, accompanist, Emma Arscott and organist Ian Rhys Parker.

The first half of the concert will be a celebration of the works of Gabriel Faure – The Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine and Faure songs.

Gabriel Faure (1845 - 1924) was a French composer, organist, teacher and pupil of Saint Saens. Cantique de Jean Racine was written when Faure was 20 years old in 1865 but the requiem was finished in 1888 after twenty years of working on it. Faure had a connec-

tion with the Vale and, while on a visit, played the organ at Llantwit Major Church.

Soloists for the Requiem are both past students of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Soprano Megan Llewellyn Dorke is a member of Welsh National Opera while bass Osian Rowlands is the manager of the BBC Welsh Chorus.

In the second half of the concert, the choir will be joined by the pupils of Radnor Road and Cwrt Yr Ala school choirs, whose young voices will surely delight the audience, as will solos performed by Megan and Osian.

At the beginning of the second half of the concert, an audience member will be presented with the programme prize of a hamper bursting with goodies.

Tickets priced at £6 are available at Harmony Furnishings, High Street, from choir members and at the door.

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D-Day anniversary to be honoured

THERE will be a wreath laying service at the Barry Memorial Hall Cenotaph by the Barry Branch Royal British Legion to commemorate the 65th anniversary of D-Day in Europe.

Any organisations in Barry and surrounding areas who would like to attend this service would be most welcome, and also the general public.

Should anyone require a poppy wreath to lay at the Cenotaph, please contact Mr Keith Harris (Poppy Appeal organiser) on tel. 01446 710901.

Barry choir is thanked for their charity work

THE Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, has hosted a reception to thank Barry Male Voice Choir members for their support during his year of office.

The support included an appearance, along with the Barry Island Junior School Choir, at a charity concert, hosted by Coun Williams, at Art Central, Barry.

During a buffet reception at Barry Town Hall, Coun Williams, accompanied by the mayoress, his wife Joan, paid tribute to the choir on their proud 108-year history, and for their 'good work', as a registered charity, within the community.

He noted that, from humble beginnings as a party of 12 men, the choir grew in number and peaked at 108 in 1913. Following considerable success in competitions, the choir's emphasis has changed in recent years to supporting a range of charities and organisations with fundraising concerts.

The choir has also enjoyed numerous overseas visits and built up special links with the Vale's twin town of Rheinfelden in Germany. Forthcoming concerts



include an appearance at The Glanfa, Wales Millennium Centre, on April 22 (tonight), and a gala of massed male choirs at St David's Hall, Cardiff, on May 8. The choir is always on the lookout for new members and current rehearsals are held in the Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, on Monday and Thursday (7.30pm - 9.30pm). Further information from secretary John Rees Davies on 01446 746387.

ABOVE: Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and the mayoress, his wife Joan, hosted a special 'thank you' reception for the Barry Male Voice Choir.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

From Cwrt-y-Gollen in the glorious sun and up to Sugar Loaf Mountain

LEADER Barrie Mortimer had a surprise when cabin fever and the promise of a much needed sunny day brought out 17 walkers, even though they were warned they would be walking from the valley bottom to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain.

This stands at 596 metres and one keen walker (who has walked with Barrie before) came all the way from Lampeter.

They began from the British Army training camp at Cwrt-y-Gollen, which is situated near the A40 just west of Crickhowell or Crug Hywel. It took its name from the Iron Age hill fort situated on the flat-topped hill above the village, which in English is known as Table Mountain.

Setting off, they meandered up a steep footpath through the

training camp, with Ministry of Defence signs either side of them warning them to stay on the path, and further on stopped at Millbrook Bridge to admire a very gnarled oak tree, purported to be at least 800 years' old.

Then the real climbing began as they made their way uphill towards the wooded Cwm Gwenffrwyd, where they eagerly stopped for some liquid refreshment. As they made their way further uphill, towering above them was their intended target, Sugar Loaf Mountain, and slightly daunted, the group stopped for coffee just above the cwm.

By now, the sunshine had warmed up the temperature and several walkers stopped to unzip the bottoms of walking trousers to make shorts, in an attempt to cool off, which hasn't happened for some time!

A very long and hard climb was taken gradually and eventually the group reached the top of the mountain.

Mynydd Pen-y-Fal, or Y Fal as the Sugar Loaf is known, stands overlooking Abergavenny and from its summit there are fantastic views over the Black Mountains, Brecon Beacons and even as far as the Bristol Channel.

The group were glad to rest in the sunshine and enjoy the hazy long distance views and their lunch, but were joined by lots of people, including sweaty runners in a challenge race that was in full swing - with runners of all ages taking part.

Refreshed, the group started to descend eastwards to the picturesque village of Llangenny, which sits beside the fast-flowing Grwyne Fawr River.

This river joins up with its tributary, the Grwyne Fechan, higher up the valley near Llanbedr and they flow southwards as the Grwyne Fawr River through the small village of Llangenny, to join the River Usk at the bottom of the valley.

Passing the old oak tree once again, this time some five and a

half hours later, they made their weary way back to the start, after an enjoyable but hard day's walking.

On April 24, meet at 10am at the Barry Waterfront for an 8-mile moderate walk at Ystradowen; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On April 25, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 10-mile moderate walk at south Gower; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

The midweek walk on April 27 will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9.30am for an eight-mile moderate walk at Llandeudfawr and hope-fully some bluebells; contact Anne on 029 2070 0829.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walks log onto

www.ramblers.org.uk **JOY STRANGWARD**

Match in the mud raises Help for Heroes cash



ABOVE: Steven Cottrell, the president of South Wales Police RFC, presents a cheque to Stuart and Alison Elson.

AS recently reported in The GEM, teams from the South Wales Police and the Welsh Guards recently played a charity match in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

The match, which was played at the Police's Waterton Cross home, was also in memory of Lance Corporal Dane Elson, who was

killed in Afghanistan while serving with the Welsh Guards.

Dane, who came from Pen-coed, had played rugby for both the Police and the guards.

In fact, his father, Stuart, turned out for the Police team on a muddy night - as can be seen from the presentation photo above.

The match raised £700 for the Help the Heroes charity.

Roadworks report

Plassey street, junctions with Glebe Street, Ludlow Lane, Ludlow Street and Arcott Street, Penarth - carriageway width restrictions.

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ABOVE: Steven Cottrell, the president of South Wales Police RFC, presents a cheque to Stuart and Alison Elson.

AS recently reported in The GEM, teams from the South Wales Police and the Welsh Guards recently played a charity match in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

The match, which was played at the Police's Waterton Cross home, was also in memory of Lance Corporal Dane Elson, who was killed in Afghanistan while serving with the Welsh Guards.

Dane, who came from Pen-coed, had played rugby for both the Police and the guards.

In fact, his father, Stuart, turned out for the Police team on a muddy night - as can be seen from the presentation photo above.

The match raised £700 for the Help the Heroes charity.

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Planning for the future in Wales – while facing difficult choices

SUPPORTING our front-line public services to meet the needs and priorities of the people of Wales – this was the theme of my speech to local authority chief executives and their partners last week as the Minister for Finance for Wales.

I said that the challenge we all face in sustaining public services over the coming months and years is probably as tough as it comes.

Delivering an effective response will be a test for us all in the public sector, and we have to be clear about our priorities to help recover from the recession, foster our economic prospects and meet social needs.

Our commitment to

social justice and equality underpins our determination to support our Welsh Assembly Government universal budgets such as concessionary fares. Our concessionary bus travel scheme for disabled people, their carers and the over-60s has more than 620,000 free Smartcards now in circulation.

This means that more than a fifth of the population in Wales are able to travel free of charge at any time of the day.

A recent review demonstrated that the scheme continues to provide value for money and we will not be considering any changes to eligibility at this time.

I also said we have a responsibility to look at all our public spending and put in place measures to save money, including improving the way we procure services in the public sector.

To give two examples, we now have an Xchange Wales trading hub within procurement, and a Public Sector Broadband Aggregation (PSBA) programme within ICT.

These are technical solutions that deliver greater efficiency, but they can also help in a wider range of ways to drive better collaboration and partnership across the public sector, and benefit the businesses we procure services from in the public and private sectors.

We know there are many examples of good practice in how we deliver public services across Wales – in housing, social services and health and my message to public bodies is that they need to 'adopt or justify' these ways of working.

There is a lot of groundbreaking work

already taking place that we all need to learn from, especially on 'joining up' services around the citizen.

This is particularly important in improving services such as access to occupational therapy and disabled facilities grants for disabled people to enable them to remain independent in their own homes. This is certainly an issue raised regularly in my surgeries and on the doorstep.

We also need to learn from the new ways in which services are being provided across health and social care, with a great example in the Gwent Frailty project, which is focused on the needs of the frail and elderly across five local authorities in the Gwent area.

There are many examples of 'pooled budgets' across the NHS and social services in Wales, with 'joint staff appointments' making an impact. The key point I was making last week was the need to involve the people who use and work in our public services to understand what works best, and learn from their skills and experiences.

I certainly learn a great deal from my constituents, and those who work at the sharp end in

our services can also tell us what the priorities are to enable them to do their jobs effectively.

In Wales, there is strong enduring support for our public services and a desire to protect them, but also to improve them. We need to pull together to get the solutions right, as we face these difficult times for the public purse.

In his recent book *Ill fares the land*, Professor Tony Judt reminds us that 'We take for granted the institutions, legislation, services and rights that we have inherited from the great age of 20th Century reform'.

The NHS is the greatest testament to those reforms and with the sun shining over King's Square last Saturday, the 203 Welsh Field Hospital Volunteers received a warm welcome from the crowds, as well as the civic dignitaries who gathered in

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Business and Budget)

Barry, to applaud their courage and commitment, over and above their day-to-day work in the NHS in Wales.

We must value that sense of community and commitment to public service we shared as we walked together through Barry on Saturday with the volunteers and the British Legion. We must reflect those values in the decisions made in Government.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Physic Garden plant sale

COWBRIDGE Physic Garden stages its annual plant sale on the terrace at Old Hall, Cowbridge, on Saturday, April 24 (10.30am - 3.30pm).

A wide variety of flowers and vegetables will be on sale, together with a raffle

stall selling umbrellas and cards. Local nurserymen will be adding their wares and advice.

Cowbridge Physic Garden is wholly maintained and managed by volunteers.

Public support for this fund-raiser is deeply valued and appreciated.

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SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall on April 29 at 7pm.

Jane Hutt with Col Kevin Davies of the Welsh Medics.



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TV CHAT WITH A TONGUE-TIED LITTLE BOY!

IWOULD like to thank you for printing my recent letters; not only is it a great thrill to see them in print, but it seems to have brought me some new friends who appear to find them interesting.

Several years ago, you were instrumental in getting me the great honour of being on TV during the 'Children in Need' campaign.

For years I used to dress large baby dolls and give them to charity to raffle. I can't quite remember the date, but I was in my 80s and was interviewed with a little boy as the oldest and youngest to help in Cowbridge!

It was a wonderful experience never to be forgotten! It was a double experience because we were placed together in front of the 'hidden'

camera and told to answer the questionnaire we were given.

I was first, then the little boy – but unfortunately, he became tongue-tied and couldn't speak! They tried three times and were about to give up, when I had an idea.

All I did was turn to him and ask his name. He answered quite clearly so I asked him what he had done for Children in Need? The people on the other side of the camera gave me the thumbs up to carry on.

He was perfectly happy to chat to me. I had his questionnaire on my lap and all went well.

I had a wonderful evening and had you to thank. What lovely memories!

Eve Balfour,
Llanblethian

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Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters and emails MUST include full address and a contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters brief and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

Another rare visitor makes its way into a rural garden

I'VE followed with interest recent letters in The GEM regarding sightings of a Red Kite around the Cowbridge area.

Last summer, I spent a very enjoyable couple of hours at the Red Kite feeding station near Rhayader in Powys.

Before commencing the spreading of the meat outside the hides, we were informed that as many as 300 kites can turn up for the banquet.

I took this figure with a pinch of salt since it's

not that many years ago that Wales only had one breeding pair.

However, the farmer was proved right when soon the sky was thick with these beautiful birds – just like a scene from Hitchcock's famous movie.

I don't think so many large birds can all live in that locality and so many of them must travel quite a distance each day to feast.

My reason for writing is to tell your readers about another rare bird that's visiting the Cowbridge area. For the last month or so, a Peregrine Falcon has been coming into my rural garden.

Sometimes it sits on the fence near to my kitchen window, and other times it appears to harass small birds that

are inside the bushes.

We also have a pair of wood pigeons that feed off the grass under our hanging bird feeders. I hope they're not on its menu.

Yesterday, it was trying to get inside a bush as if to get at sparrows perching in there.

I hurried to get my camera to take some photos, but shooting through the kitchen window from a distance of 12 metres or so the photos are not that good – but it's definitely a Peregrine because with my binoculars I've had super views of it.

What I'd like to know, if any of your readers can help me in this – where around Cowbridge could it nest, as I associate Peregrines with cliffs or high buildings.

I've omitted my address on purpose in case there are any pigeon fanciers out there who may feel threatened by its visits.

However, if any true bird watchers would like more information, I would be glad to help out via your letters page.

Michael Carpenter

We welcome your news and views. Please email them to the Editorial Department at:
ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Vale Heritage Centre Coalition to hold AGM

FOLLOWING the Vale of Glamorgan scrutiny committee's agreement to recommend the commissioning of a feasibility study to establish a Heritage Centre for the Vale sited in Barry, the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition will be holding its first annual general meeting to establish a committee and elect officers on Tuesday, May 4.

This is another important step for this group, which is gathering a powerful momentum in its worthy ambition.

The meeting will take place in Committee Room 1, Vale of Glamorgan Council Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The meeting begins at 7pm. It is a public event and interested parties are invited.
Dr Jonathan Hicks, Barry

Jury service ban for over-70s

THE age discrimination task group of The Older People's Strategy Forum have tirelessly campaigned to the Ministry of Justice, on the issue of people over the age of 70 being barred from jury service.

There appears to be no logical explanation as to why this is so, and the forum feel it is an outdated piece of legislation, and currently

excludes many people who would be competent to sit as jurors.

The Ministry of Justice have, from March 16, launched a consultation on raising the upper age limit for jury service.

Please have your say on this important issue. Details on how you can express your views to the Ministry of Justice can be found on the forum's website at www.valeopf.org.uk
Jane Weldon
(Age discrimination task group member, Vale OPF)

Good for the garden!

I WAS just reading the letters concerning the horse poo. When I was a child, I lived in the country where there were always farmers going past my house with horse-drawn hay carts.

If the horses did a poo

by our house, my mother would be out straight-away with bucket and shovel to get it for her garden. I am still alive so it never did us any harm!

Mrs Olive Farmer, Barry

'All manure has dangers'

THE recent letter by Viv Pritchard about horse poo reminded me that in all animal manure, dangers of some sort lurk.

During the First World War, it was estimated that two million horses died. One of the warnings to the soldiers was "do not let the horse tread on your feet" because the manure, being mixed with earth, contained the deadly spores of gas gangrene from which many sol-

diers died. All manure is a living bundle of bacteria and toxins and should be recycled back into the earth in a natural way – depending from which animal too – if humans cultivate the soil.

Having lived on a farm where the lady of the house never wore shoes and showed me her marvellous skin, brought about, she claimed, by walking into the various manures the farm generated, I shuddered, but no harm ever came to her!
John Coduri, Pontypridd

Jane Hutt AM

Labour Assembly Member for the Vale of Glamorgan

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Can you have a 'healthy' divorce?

DURING a divorce it feels like everything is changing: your home life, daily routine, and even your sense of identity.

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In this difficult situation, is it possible to have a 'healthy' divorce? Kathryn McTaggart of family solicitors Woolley & Co suggests it is, by following this four point plan:

1. Revenge... A dish best left out of legal proceedings.

The law is, above all things, practical and dispassionate. Keep looking at the bigger picture. If your ex is being completely unreasonable, resist the temptation to stoop to their level.

Trust your family lawyer to be firm where necessary and let them know if you feel bullied or powerless so they can redress the balance fairly. Don't underestimate the satisfaction that will come when you look back in the knowledge that you behaved with restraint and dignity. Sometimes the best 'revenge' is showing someone how far you have moved on.

2. Keep it civil, for the sake of the children.

Separating couples may agree on very little, but they both want the best for their

children. Accepting that you have an ongoing relationship with your child's other parent helps.

Keep children informed, jointly if possible, in an age appropriate way and give them lots of reassurance. Just because children are not physically in the middle of an argument, it does not mean that they are not feeling its effects. They need both of you at this time more than ever.

3. Why can't they just move on?

Divorcing spouses go through different stages, including denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Whilst you may have been planning to leave your spouse for some time they may not have had time to come to terms with what living without you will mean. Trust his or her lawyer, together with your ex's family and friends, to move things along. Forcing the pace is often counterproductive and costly.

4. Forget the stiff upper lip (sometimes).

Don't be afraid to ask for support from friends, family, your doctor, church, a divorce coach or counsellor if you are struggling.

It is natural to feel angry, out of control, disappointed, hurt and resentful but clear heads make better decisions. Your family lawyer will be experienced in working with you whilst you experience these emotions but he or she will not be a trained counsellor. Make sure you get the best legal and emotional advice you can.

For help with the legal aspects of divorce and relationship breakdown, call Kathryn McTaggart on 0845 680 2507 (local rate) or email Kathryn.McTaggart@family-lawfirm.co.uk
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (TRINITY STREET, BARRY) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE) (VARIATION) ORDER 2010

Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and pursuant to Part IV of Schedule 9 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to remove a disabled persons parking place at the location specified in the Schedule below.

Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref:IF605) in writing by 13th May 2010 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Various Locations, Barry) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2006, the following paragraph to be deleted from the Schedule:

Trinity Street, Barry

On its south-western side from a point approximately 7 metres south-east of its junction with the south-eastern side of Porthkerry Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2010

M. Punter,
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (TRINITY STREET, Y BARRI) (AMRYWIO) (MANNAU PARCIO AR GYFER POBL ANABL) 2010

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NEWS FROM POSITIVE IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY (PIPS)

There is serious talent on display here at PIPS

AS a relative 'new-kid-on-the-block' at Positive Image Photographic Society, writes David Alexander, I am constantly impressed by the wealth of talent in a photographic society with a relatively small membership.

We were amazed recently by Bernard Brown's '3D Extravaganza' and I must admit that, as I walked through the door for last week's meeting it crossed my mind that 'Our Bernie' would be a tough act to follow – but follow it local lads, Dave Hales and Tony Warrilow did.

Dave kicked off the evening with a demonstration of 'Aperture', a program that can be used to both catalogue and adjust images that will be of particular interest to 'Apple-mac' computer fans.

Modestly claiming not to be a 'club photographer'; which he defined as the sort who gets up at 5am to take a sunrise and then digitally manipulate it out of all recognition, Dave almost apologised for taking what he thought of as mere 'record shots' of places he visited.

He then went on to delight us with a selection of travel images ranging from magnificent mountain vistas to

the quirkiest of comic details – none of which would have looked out of place on the cover of any of the major photographic magazines. A portfolio of Dave's images features on the society's website.

In the second half of the evening, Tony Warrilow took us to far-flung corners of the globe in a master-class on 'The essence of wildlife photography' and a very impressive portfolio of work it was indeed!

Even more impressive was Tony's willingness to share his knowledge of how to tackle this most difficult of subjects with his fellow members. It has to be said that you will go a long way to see an image that more beautifully and sensitively captures the essence of motherly love than Tony's picture of a mother elephant with her baby.

One of the great talents in photography is knowing exactly when to press the shutter to capture that elusive

'decisive moment' – Tony has that in spades.

We are indebted to Dave and Tony for a very special evening.

Last week, a quiz, 'How Well Do You Know Barry?' tested members' powers of observation. This was the third outing for the quiz, which has raised funds for Ty Hafan and St Baruc's Church restoration fund.

If you think a group you belong to would enjoy it, and have access to a digital projector, telephone David Alexander, on 01446 701605.

PIPS meets at 7.30pm on alternative Thursday evenings at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island.

Further details of the club and forthcoming events, including forthcoming competition detail, are on the societies website at www.positiveimagebarry.org.uk.

BLOOD DONORS

THE Welsh Blood Service will hold donor sessions at Cowbridge Leisure Centre, The Broadshard, Cowbridge, on May 16, 10am-4pm; May 17, 10am-6pm.

Also at Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on May 18, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm. Telephone 0800 252266 for further details.

MoD messengers help Velindre



MOD messengers, Dawn Howe and Angela Kirkham exchanged their chicks for cash.

DURING the run-up to Easter, RAF messengers, Dawn Howe and Angela Kirkham tempted as many people as they could to purchase an Easter chick to help raise funds for Velindre Hospital, Cardiff.

The industrious pair managed to raise more than £450 by selling the chicks on their mail delivery service. The chicks were knitted by a Llantwit Major resident, Mrs Anne Cheshire, who as well as being a keen knitter, is also a dedicated supporter of the wonderful work Velindre does.

Angela said: "We have been selling Easter chicks for Velindre for a number of years and everyone is really supportive. This year, they just 'flew' out of the door, and after we had sold out, people were still asking us for chicks. There are a lot of people at St Athan whose families have been touched by cancer, and Velindre is a charity close to their hearts."

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One-day 'sales offer' with sting in the tail

LOCAL Trading Standards officers are investigating complaints by residents that they were misled into spending thousands of pounds at one-day sales events.

One resident claimed she was offered a special price of £1 for a china dinner set by a company only for it to be raised to almost £3,000 afterwards to have it personalised.

She said: "I was cold-called on the telephone by a company who said they would be at a local hotel venue, selling for one day only, and asked me if I'd like to attend."

"When I attended, they were very professional and persuasive. I ended up buying the goods and agreeing to have them engraved with my initials. The compa-

ny said I could still cancel within seven days if I changed my mind.

"As soon as I got home, I had a bad feeling so decided to cancel but the company refused saying they'd already started to personalise the goods, even though it was within the seven-day cooling off period, and I would have to pay the full £3,000.

"I'm not the sort of person to be tricked easily, but the company managed to mislead me, convincing me to sign up to something I didn't want because it seemed

like such a bargain."

Vale principal trading officer Simon Wilkinson urged people to be very careful of sales events operating on a 'here today and gone tomorrow' basis.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, so don't part with your money or sign documents on the spur of the moment," he said.

If you have been misled into buying goods and would like help from trading standards, contact Consumer Direct Wales on 08454 040506.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning with stalls will be held at Albert Road Methodist Church (Penarth) on Saturday, May 1, 10am-12noon.

Stalls include cakes, books, bric-a-brac, toiletries, and there will also be a raffle. Admission (50p) includes tea, coffee and biscuits. All proceeds go towards church funds.



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THE 'HOMES4U FAMILY' IS JOINED BY NEW MEMBER

RIGHT: Signing the United Welsh Housing Association/Homes4U agreement are seated: Karen Thomas, head of neighbourhood, United Welsh HA, and Coun Paul Church. Standing (from left): Alan Morgan, managing director, Hafod HA; Tony Whittaker, chief executive, United Welsh HA; Elgar Lewis, chairman, Hafod HA; Paul Roberts, chief executive, Newydd HA; Mike Ingram, Vale Council operational manager (public sector housing), and Chris Walton, housing manager, Wales and West HA.



A FOURTH housing association has joined the Vale Council's Homes4U scheme.

Since its launch in June 2003, when the Vale became the first local authority in Wales to

introduce choice-based lettings by advertising all its empty homes in local newspapers, Homes4U has evolved into a multi-landlord partnership, with new 'recruits', United Welsh, joining existing partners - the Newydd, Hafod and Wales and West housing associations.

All the partners' vacant properties are advertised fortnightly alongside vacant council homes. People who register for housing only have to complete one application form, and are able to bid for any homes advertised under the Homes4U banner.

The Vale Council cab-

inet member for housing and community safety, Coun Paul Church said: "The Vale Council continues to establish itself as a centre for innovation and improvement and, over the last six years, Homes4U has provided an improved performance for our partners and a greater choice for applicants."

"The partnership agreement between ourselves and United Welsh is a further step towards providing a comprehensive access to housing and housing advice service to tenants of the council and its housing association partners."

"One of the great

advantages of this partnership is that residents have one point of contact for housing allocation enquiries, rather than the myriad of forms that previously existed.

"Homes4U continues to improve and the addition of United Welsh will strengthen already excellent working relationships."

Councillor's surgery

COUN Ray Thomas will hold a surgery at the Treoes Community Centre, Treoes, on Saturday, April 24 from 11.30am-1pm.

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Vale candidates' debate climate change matters



EARLIER this month, seven parliamentary candidates for the marginal constituency of the Vale of Glamorgan were invited to Tabernacle, Barry, to discuss climate change.

The event was organised by Christian Aid on behalf of 'Ask the Climate Question', a coalition of environmental and international development agencies.

A Christian Aid spokeswoman said: "This was the first of three similar events taking place in Wales over the next few weeks, and it was a very encouraging

start to the campaign. "The event drew a lively and thoughtful crowd of 60, from various environmental and faith backgrounds. Questions ranged from commitment to reducing carbon emissions, to finance for developing countries, and more local issues such as plans for a local biomass plant on Barry dockland."

She continued: "As well as referring to party policies, the candidates drew on personal experiences, giving examples of personal action and commitment on a local level, rousing much laughter and applause. The general consensus was that action needs to be taken; there will need to be a shift away from a

consumer mindset; that investment in research to help local, national and international development is essential."

The event's chair, Jeff Williams, head of Christian Aid Wales, said: "I would like to thank the candidates for coming to the event and

revealed that an overwhelming majority of the audience were convinced that climate change is a serious issue which needs to be addressed and acted upon.

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.asktheclimatequestion.org.uk

The bees get active as the sun comes out

FAIR weather is certainly most welcome, not only to the bees, but also the beekeeper.

An in-depth examination of all the hives (Fonmon and Dyffryn) has been carried out and all looks well.

Winter and, of course, the ravages of the varroa mite has reduced Fonmon apiary to five hives (seven were on site before winter set in) while the three hives at Dyffryn have survived unscathed.

Throughout the winter months, the mite population has been checked on a regular basis. Mites were present on every occasion that these checks were carried out.

Spring has truly sprung, much forage is now available to the bees and colony activity is stepping up a gear. The queens have responded and colony expansion is now well under way.

The downside of this increase, of course, is that the varroa has a life cycle perfectly in tune with that of the bee, and their numbers will rise accordingly.

For my part, we are certainly not winning the battle against the mite. Each year we knock back their numbers, and as we have no hope of completely eradicating them at present, like the Phoenix from the ashes,

they rise up and carry out their nefarious life-style and decimate the honey-bee population.

However, the beekeeper has to do her/his best and help the bees through this difficult time.

Despite this troublesome period, we have many new beekeepers on hand, not all can be accommodated with bees.

The losses suffered over the past few years by existing beekeepers has meant a shortage of swarms, which were always a ready source of bees for a newcomer or established beekeeper.

This new season will see Barbara Chick and myself taking on the role of mentors to aspiring beekeepers, and in so doing we can give them a taste of colony manipulation and all the various manoeuvres which we as beekeepers carry out in our pursuit of honey production.

These practical sessions will see new beekeepers opening hives and assessing the state of each of them and suggesting courses of action which they think may be needed. I am looking forward to assisting these newcomers in any way I can and Barbara certainly

shares my sentiments.

Oilseed rape is now coming into bloom and it is all around the apiary. This will provide an abundant source of nectar and pollen which the bees will exploit with all their being.

Meanwhile at Dyffryn, the bees have a great variety of blooms to forage upon and we may well get our first honey crop from them this year.

Have I said this before? Of course I have, positive thinking is the order of the day.

Will next month's report bring news of things really taking off? Let's hope so.

H WILLIAMS

Council's beach ban for dogs

THE VALE Council has reminded residents that dogs are banned from the following Vale beaches from May 1 to September 30 - Southerndown, Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Barry Island and Penarth.

A by-law exists to protect the interests of

bathers and ensure their safety throughout the summer when the beaches have their highest number of visitors.

During this time, it is an offence to bring a dog on any of the beaches listed above, and if a person is caught breaking the ban they could face a fine of up to £500.

Airport and police staff work together for troops abroad

POLICE officers and staff from Barry police station, and staff from Cardiff Airport, have been collecting non-perishable foods, items of clothing and small gifts for distribution to soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Just a few weeks ago, Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Police Constable Gareth Holmes started a collection among his colleagues in Barry police station to put together small parcels of useful gifts to send out to troops serving in Afghanistan.

At the same time, Gareth's neighbour, Lisa Morgan and her colleague Marion Williams, who both work at Cardiff Airport, decided to join in and start a collection among their fellow members of staff.

This week the first delivery of more than 30 shoe box-sized parcels was despatched to troops serving on the front line.

PC Holmes said: "I have been overwhelmed by the support we have received for this, both here in Barry police station as well as at the Airport. We have taken advice on the type of things that most of the troops appreciate and what is possible to send out to them.

"These range from pot noodles to socks and books to playing cards. We have already been able to fill more than 30 boxes which are now on their way to the troops in Afghanistan.



"I would like to thank everyone at Barry police station and at the airport who has supported us so far and we are already collecting for our second delivery."

Lisa Morgan (right) and Marion Williams, pictured with PC Gareth Holmes and some of the parcels bound for Afghanistan.

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Who could offer Bobby a home?

THIS WEEK: Bobby the Bobster.

A Dogs Trust spokeswoman said: "Bobby is a four-and-a-half-year-old Collie Cross. He is a sweet and sensitive dog.

"He can be shy and lacks confidence and likes his own space. He loves his toys and will happily play fetch all day given the chance!

"He mixes with other dogs, but is best suited as the only dog in the home. He is house-trained and fine to be left for a few hours."

Type of home needed: He will need a quiet home environment with an experienced owner who is used to Collie



Bobby the Bobster.

types. He is not suitable with children and needs an adult only home. In the right home, given time and patience, Bobby will make a lovely, rewarding companion.

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**TERRITORIAL
Army medics who
have served in Iraq
and Afghanistan,
marched through
Barry last Saturday
when they were
given the Freedom
of the Vale.**

The Cardiff-based 203
Welsh Field Hospital
(Volunteers) is the only
Territorial Army medical
unit in the Principality,
and its personnel are all
part-time volunteers.

Known as 'The Welsh
Medics,' they recruit
from across Wales, and
the Vale Council unani-
mously agreed to grant
them the honour in
recognition of their
invaluable work in sav-
ing lives.

They recruit from all
disciplines – doctors,
nurses, paramedics, radi-
ographers, physios, bio-
medical scientists, den-
tists, dental nurses, phar-
macy technicians, phar-
macists and health care
support workers.

The freedom, which is
the highest tribute a
county borough council
can bestow, is a long-
standing tradition and in
being given the honour
in the Vale, the medics
follow in the distin-
guished footsteps of the
Merchant Navy

Association (Wales), The
Welsh Guards and The
Royal Welsh.

Crowds gathered in
King Square to see Vale
Mayor, Coun Emlyn
Williams present a spe-
cial scroll to the unit's
Commanding Officer,
Col Kevin Davies.

Following the cere-
mony, the unit, preceded
by The Band of the
Royal Welsh and accom-
panied by a police
motorcycle outrider and
two police horses and
riders, paraded through
the town to Barry
Leisure Centre.

Coun Williams said:
"I am delighted that we
are able to recognise the
unit and the valuable
work they're doing both
at home and abroad.
Many brave soldiers
seriously injured in vari-
ous conflicts owe their
lives to the magnificent
treatment given by units
such as 'The Welsh
Medics.' They continue
to risk their lives to save
those of others."

Col Kevin Davies
said: "The Vale Council
has shown its apprecia-
tion and acknowl-
edgment of the significant
contribution that Wales'
Field Hospital makes in
supporting UK
Operations."

**"Thank you
for medical
assistance!"**

MY sincere thanks to the Welsh
Territorial Army medics, the
Barry Leisure Centre first
aiders, Richard, a Barry member of the
Royal British Legion, and the para-
medics for coming to my aid when I was
taken ill in Barry Leisure Centre during
the reception for the Welsh Territorial
Army medics on Saturday, April 17.

After spending a few hours at the Heath
Hospital, Cardiff, I was allowed home.
David Shankland, Barry branch,
Royal British Legion



Cemetery Junction is one stop that is worth getting off at!

It seems that Ricky Gervais is developing something of a chip on his shoulder.

The comedian has parlayed the success of *The Office* into very real celebrity; yet as his profile has increased, it seems his comedy has lessened, best case in point being the run of mill *The Invention of Lying*, Gervais' first starring vehicle, which failed to set cinemas alight.

However, Gervais' latest film sees him taking both the co-writing and directing duties with Stephen Merchant, the co-conspirator of both *The Office* and *Extras*, and changes tack from comedy to something a bit more dramatic in *Cemetery Junction*.

The film tells the story of three teenagers, Freddie (Christian Cooke), Bruce (Tom Hughes) and Snork (Jack Doolan), whose lives consist of the general drudgery of small towns in the 1970s.

However, when Freddie takes a job selling insurance, under the watchful eye of Mr Kendrick (Ralph Fiennes) and Mike Ramsay (Matthew Goode), the trio's friendship is tested as they discover growing up is more painful than they thought...

Seeing in big letters 'Written and directed by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant' may mislead some people into expecting either a full-on comedy or, for those less keen on the Gervais brand, a two-hour smug-fest of comedians he knows.

Cemetery Junction, however, is a film that skirts closer to the British films of the early 1960s (*Saturday Night, Sunday Morning* and *Billy Liar* being stylistic reference points) than it does the work of Gervais' idols such as Woody Allen and, coupled with a touch of the pair's typical humour, makes for a hugely worthwhile viewing experience.

The idea for the film has been floating around ever since Gervais and Merchant wrapped up *The Office*, initially as a follow-up sitcom, and it is clear that time and effort went into the script; the characters, by and large, are sharply drawn, and there is a real sense of the pair showing there is more to their writing than comedy but never straying too far from their roots.

The film is replete with their brand of one-liners, the film never less than hugely amusing, while one or two set-ups are hilarious, under-pinned with a cringeworthy not seen since the days of Wernham Hogg.

They also nail the characters superbly well, with the three leads perfectly realised, giving each their own moment, yet capturing beautifully the carefree attitude of the last days of youth before life takes over; it is a coming-of-age tale that doesn't wear its feelings to overtly.

Meanwhile, the casual racism and sexism of the day is etched among the supporting characters with a lightness of touch, the mentality of the early 1970s being reflected through the band of characters.

The pair's direction is similarly strong, capturing the suburban minutiae to perfection.

While the pair shy away from anything too technical within their direction, they do offer up enough clever touches to give the film a cinematic feel, while maintaining the intimacy of the piece.

With such well-written characters, it is little surprise the cast offer up such well-tuned performances.

Christian Cooke shows an easy charisma and likeability as the ambitious Freddie, desperate to better himself and escape a life of working in factories, while Tom Hughes is mesmeric as the conflicted Bruce, full of pent up rage and anger at both his situation and his father's perceived failure to keep his family together.

Completing the trio is Jack Doolan's comedic turn as Snork; unable to speak to women, and seemingly incapable of surviving in social situations, he is the comedy between Cooke and Hughes' more dramatic turns.

As a trio, their chemistry is believable, and completely engaging.

The supporting cast are well assembled and all offer something; from Felicity Jones as Freddie's old school sweetheart, now engaged to Mike Ramsay (an easy going Matthew Goode) a man who

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

wants nothing more than to be like her father, Mr Kendrick (a turn from Ralph Fiennes that removes the bitter after-taste of *Clash of the Titans*), to Gervais himself, who reins in the comedy for a turn that has more than hint of pathos running through it, all the support turns are a winner.

Even British comedy perennials such as Julia Davies, Steve Speirs and Anne Reid are afforded opportunities to shine, but it is Emily Watson who comes closest to stealing the show, her small but expertly delivered turn as Mrs Kendrick, whose lack of attention from her husband is a bitter portent of what may come to her daughter if she doesn't follow her dreams, lighting up the film and highlighting the strength in depth on show.

The film's greatest skill, however, is its timeless quality. Yes, there are nods to the period in which it is set, but the overall themes are timeless, and this makes *Cemetery Junction* a film that stands up on its own.

VERDICT - Another success story for Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, *Cemetery Junction* makes for a hugely watchable film.

A strong script and performances make this a coming-of-age tale well worth watching, and *Cemetery Junction* a stop well worth getting off at.

Highly recommended.

Girls rescued from rocks as tide rises

TWO local girls were rescued by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Barry Dock Lifeboat last Thursday (April 15).

The girls were trapped on the rocks by an incoming tide at 7.50pm. They were seen standing up to their knees in water and were obviously distressed.

The Llantwit Major and Barry Coastguard rescue teams were turned out to attend and they requested the Barry Dock Lifeboat to be launched.

The Barry Dock Lifeboat station were able to send the all weather lifeboat, as well

as the boarding boat.

The girls were taken off the rocks and then transferred to the all weather lifeboat and brought back to the station, where they were then further assessed by the Ambulance Service.

Both girls were taken to the University Hospital of Wales for a final medical check.

Gerry Adams, the volunteer Barry Dock Lifeboat press officer, said that the rescue was carried out in good weather.

Gerry stated that people should make every effort to assess the weather and tide. He said: "Don't underestimate the sea conditions, especially when the water remains so cold."

Church set to opens its doors

THE parish of St Andrew's Major is to hold an open weekend, at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys, from Friday, May 7 until Sunday, May 9.

Pupils from schools in Dinas Powys have been invited to visit the Grade 2 listed church of St Peter's on Friday, May 7, and they will be given the opportunity to learn about the history of this architecturally interesting church, designed by the architect J Coates Carter and consecrated in 1930.

St Peter's Church is reputed to be one of the few public buildings completed in South Wales by J Coates Carter, renowned for his imaginative, sometimes even quirky buildings!

St Peter's certainly has some interesting and unusual features.

The church will be decorated with flowers and there will be displays showing the church's involvement in the community, as well as its history and its records. Robes used dur-

ing church services will also be on display.

Pupils will have the opportunity to learn about the building and its furnishings. There will be workshops on hand bell ringing on both Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday, May 8, the church will be open to all from 10am-4pm and visitors can see displays by, and meet members of, the various church organisations including Sunday School, Young Communicants Club, Mothers' Union and Women's Fellowship, as well as the Guide Movement and St Andrew's Church in Wales Primary School.

Refreshments and cakes will be served in the church hall and, weather permitting, the attractive church grounds.

The weekend will culminate on Sunday, May 9, with a Family Eucharist at 10.30am in which the young people of the parish take part and to which the whole family are welcome.

This will be followed by a celebratory lunch in the church hall.

NEWS FROM 372 SQUADRON

Barry Cadets get a taste of open-air military training



The cadets at Sennybridge

LOCAL air cadets in Barry have recently returned from an action packed weekend at Sennybridge, a military training facility in Brecon.

Eloise Johnson, Peter Pemberton, Carol Chaplin and Nathaniel Spragg learnt skills such as leadership, communication and orienteering.

The weekend began with an early start and some morning physical training, with a run and circuit session before breakfast. The cadets then spent a few hours with instructors, learning how to apply 'cam cream' properly so they can't be seen, and how to navigate properly with the minimum amount of equipment.

Later, the cadets used these skills taking part in navigation exercises across the open ground in Sennybridge and took turn in leading the exercises.

The Sunday was spent target shooting on the outdoor ranges at Sennybridge, where the cadets shot at 200 metres with a brand new weapon. For many cadets, this was their first try at shooting outdoors, so they found it challenging.

However, Cadet Eloise Johnson had a brilliant shoot and successfully gained a new marksman badge.

In order to be selected for this team, the cadets must show integrity,

leadership skills and initiative, skills they hope to develop on these training weekends and on other squadron activities.

Cadet Peter Pemberton commented: "The weekend was brilliant, it was so much fun to take part in activities that really challenge you mentally and physically."

The summer is a busy time for these cadets, who are currently looking forward to their silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, among other

activities such as kayaking, climbing, flying and gliding.

If you have a spirit for adventure and want to join these cadets on their upcoming activities, 372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies for boys and girls aged 13+. Call Flt Lt Jayne Hillard on 01446 747734, or visit on Mondays and

Wednesdays between 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Home, near the Memorial Hall.

Castleland set for 'massive' facelift

A LARGE part of the central area of Barry is set for a massive facelift within a 12-year neighbourhood renewal initiative being considered by the Vale Council cabinet.

Following on from the success of similar major projects in Cadoxton and the central area of Penarth, the council has now turned its sights on Barry's Castleland ward.

There are around 1,450 properties in the 'designated' area, which is mainly bounded by Holton Road to the north and Dock View Road to the south.

Funding for the programme, which covers housing, town centre, community and environmental improvements, will come via council

capital funds and through annual bids to the Welsh Assembly, which has already agreed renewal area monies in the current 2010/11 financial year of £1.35m.

Much of the work, which will cover comprehensive improvements to the interior, exterior and surrounds of properties, is undertaken through group repair schemes of up to 20 houses and flats.

The cabinet member for housing and community safety, Coun Paul Church said: "This is another ambitious, long-term project which has the potential to dramatically improve housing conditions, the local environment and commerce in this neighbourhood. Similar schemes at Cadoxton and the St Augustine's area of Penarth have been a great success."

A Personal Invitation to Christ College

I AM delighted to invite you to Christ College Brecon on Saturday May 8th, for our annual Spring Open Morning.

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A GLITTERING NIGHT FOR BARRY COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS 2010



The award winners on stage.

BARRY Memorial Hall recently played host to the Barry College Annual Awards Ceremony, now in its fifth year.

More than 300 learners, staff, sponsors and guests from local business and industry arrived for the ceremony to celebrate the success and achievements of the college.

The evening began with a drinks reception in the Bedwas Hall before guests were welcomed into the main hall by principal and chief executive of Barry College, Paul Halstead.

Guests enjoyed a three-course gourmet meal prepared and served by Barry College Hospitality and Catering learners and staff.

After coffee, college

principal Paul Halstead introduced the evening with a welcome and review of the year.

Cultural historian, writer and broadcaster Professor Peter Stead, then gave a short talk about the history of Barry, with special reference to the importance that the town has always placed upon education.

Then it was time to turn the spotlight on to the 40 learners and 13 staff members who received awards at the ceremony. All 45 awards were sponsored by local and national organisations, with representatives from these organisations presenting the award. The University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC) was the main sponsor of the event.

The ceremony, hosted by television presenter

Frances Donovan, began by singling out a learner from every curriculum area of the college.

These learners were chosen for excellence and achievement in their subject area.

One learner who was recognised was hospitality and catering learner Daniel Mack. The 19-year-old from Barry now works for renowned chef Stephen Terry at his Abergavenny restaurant, the Hardwick.

"I came to Barry College because it was in the local area for me – I didn't have to travel or anything like that," Daniel said.

"The course at college was really good. I did some work experience for Stephen Terry after he came in to the college. I worked for free for a week and not long after that he offered me a job."

"I'm loving it! It's hard work, but it's just the sort of thing I have always wanted to do."

Next came the cross college and staff awards. The cross college awards celebrate learners and staff across all curriculum areas, and are chosen for their outstanding achievements.

One winner of a cross college Award was BSc aeronautical maintenance learner Muhammad Farouk Abdul Rashid, who won the 'international student' award. His tutor Richard Hepple said: "Farouk has had excellent attendance throughout the course and has achieved academic results which indicated he is in line to achieve a first class honours degree in his course – BSc Aeronautical Maintenance."

Farouk (24) from Malaysia, and currently living in Pontypridd, said: "I feel very happy and honoured to have received this award."

"It's very enjoyable to learn all about aircraft

maintenance. I like to come to Barry and I also like studying at the University of Glamorgan. The experienced lecturers from ICAT also have been very helpful all this time to me and my international coursemates."

To celebrate the college's 50th anniversary, this year saw the first Barry College Founder's award. This was won by business management learner Melanie Asthenidis-Dawson in recognition of her determination to complete her course after suffering a horrific accident.

The last award to be presented was the principal's award. This prestigious award was presented to the learner who most reflected college values through outstanding achievement, attitude or participation in extra-curricular activities. Individuals were nominated by college staff and the winner chosen by the principal.

The delighted winner of this award was Marius Miknis. Marius came to Barry College after his parents relocated to the area from Lithuania, and has gained top grades on the BTEC first diploma and BTEC National Diploma in IT.

"Marius's achievements are even more worthy of recognition as, during his time at college, Marius overcame language difficulties, learning through English – his second language," course tutors Dave Morgan and Theresa Kadach said.

Following the presentation of the awards, chair of governors Peter Cope gave a vote of thanks, congratulating all the award winners. He added that Barry College is a positive, dynamic institution that works hard to ensure learner success.

The college would

like to thank all of its sponsors who supported the event, particularly the main sponsors. The support of the sponsors ensures that the success of learners continues to be celebrated in such a high quality way.

Curriculum Area Awards – Access to FE / HE, Luzetta Badminton; Accountancy, Teresa Marshall; Aeronautical Engineering, Matthew McGranaghan; Art and Design, Craig Webber; Beauty and Holistic Therapy, Nadine Bin-Said; Business and Administration, Adam Taylor; Childcare, Gareth Courtman; Construction, Brickwork (Barry), Daniean Mort; Construction, Brickwork (Cardiff), Kevin Spear; Construction Carpentry (Barry), David Nugent-Finn; Construction, Carpentry (Cardiff), Dale Barratt;

Construction, Painting and Decorating, Celia Jones; Counselling, Tracy Cowdry; Engineering, Scott Kihlberg; Foundation Skills, James Davies; Hairdressing, Carl Wenbridge; Health, Care and Welfare, Elaine Jones; Hospitality and Catering, Daniel Mack; IT and Computing, Daniel Twomey; Plumbing, Mike Giovannelli; Public Services, Jonathan Jones; Sport and Fitness, Sinead Mellinn; Teaching and Training, Kim Shord; Travel and Tourism, Lucy Perry.

Principal's Awards – Assistant Principal's Award (Enterprise), Huw Edwards; Assistant Principal's Award (Sustainable Development), Heather Pennington; Vice Principal's Award (Contribution to College Life), Gareth James; Founder's Award, Marius Miknis.

Cross College Awards – Adult Learning, John Norman



ABOVE:

Stephen Terry, sponsor of the Hospitality and Catering award, with winner Daniel Mack and Barry College chef lecturer Kevin Fairlie.



ABOVE:

Yvonne Weekly of award sponsor SET, International Student of the Year Muhammad Farouk Abdul Rashid, and aerospace engineering head of department, Jeff Moore.

U3A learns about prisoner rehabilitation

STEVE MORGAN from HMP Parc, Bridgend, was the speaker at the April meeting of Cowbridge U3A.

He started his presentation by quoting a number of statistics which illustrate what a large enterprise the Bridgend prison is.

It has a population of 1,200 adult prisoners ranging in age from 21 to 86, plus a young offenders unit. To operate this prison there is a staff of 600.

A high proportion of the inmates suffer from a very wide range of mental problems, addiction to drugs and alcohol, and learning difficulties.

In Steve's opinion, what all prisoners require is help to resolve their problems. He and

his colleagues work hard to establish prisoners' needs and to provide the required help.

Their objective is to equip them with the skills they need to fit in with normal society when they are released. Steve was very proud of the community work they were able to do, and this included help with rebuilding Cowbridge town wall, and making the reproduction stocks for Cowbridge.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, Gweryl Gardner stated that like most people, she had very little knowledge of prisons and had found the presentation very informative and interesting.

This motion was enthusiastically supported by all present.

Welsh uprising at Cosmeston!

YET again, the Lord of Cosmeston Manor is to be found upsetting his neighbours!

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Barry College Annual Awards Evening 2010

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Vale family businesses are the bedrock of commerce

WHILE economic stories often concentrate on the importance of multi-national companies, it is often forgotten just how critical family-run businesses are to the community – particularly in the Vale.

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John and David are pleased and proud to still be serving the Vale of Glamorgan after 150 years and believe the combined family experience will stand them in good stead for many years to come.

"These strange economic times, and past recessions, have presented a challenge, but we help each other out whenever the need arises. On both sides of the business it is important to keep up with current legislation and regulations. On the building side David covers the full range of work from small repairs through to extensions and complete houses."

John concedes that the funeral side can be very demanding, but manages to separate work from his home life even though he can be on call 24 hours a day throughout the year, stating "We treat each client with understanding, care and compassion. It is a privilege to deal with people and their families at such an emotional and sensitive time, with differing needs individually catered for."



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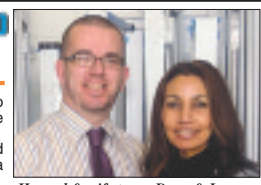
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Breast Cancer group gives members a lift

ON April 14, members and friends of the Cowbridge LIFT enjoyed a talk on positive living, given by a senior occupational therapist from Velindre Hospital.

Voluntary organisation LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a self help group for those affected by breast cancer.

It meets regularly to offer support and friendship for people living in the Vale.

LIFT group member Jan Beaven said: "Having been diagnosed in 2007, the LIFT Group has been a lifeline and I

really appreciate all the support the group has given me."

The next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on April 28 between 10am and 1pm. It will include relaxation therapies such as reiki, reflexology and Indian head massage.

The LIFT Group has already welcomed five new members since January, and this will be an ideal opportunity for anyone affected by breast cancer to come along for coffee and a chat.

Please contact Hilary on 01446 749756 or Anne on 01446 772843 for a programme or further information.

'Design a Logo' competition open to Vale pupils

TO celebrate its 10th birthday, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market is running a 'Design a Logo' competition for 9-11 year olds at schools in the Vale.

The winner will receive £50 for themselves and £50 for their school, and the winning entry will be printed on a re-usable cotton shopping bag which will be distributed to market shoppers.

On the first and third Saturday every month in the Arthur John car park, approximately 30 stalls sell a variety of produce. A monthly market is also run on the fourth Saturday of the month at

Westbourne School, Penarth.

"The competition is an opportunity for children to learn about the ethos of the Farmers' Market and the fresh, healthy, locally produced food it provides," said Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market chairman, Anders Leijerstam.

All primary schools in the Vale have been circulated with the competition details and the closing date is May 17. The presentation to the winner will be on July 3.

The winner of the Farmers' Market hamper in April was schoolboy Sion Esau, aged 12, who was accompanying his father to the market.

It's the Kloe and Chloe show!

WITH the Icelandic volcanic ash issue decimating numbers of overseas competitors, this year's Scottish International Open, which took place at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium last weekend, was largely a Scotland-England event, with a small Vale Karate squad being Wales' only entrants.

However, Vale Karate's young champions flew the Welsh flag with pride. Kloe Christoforato landed a hat-trick of titles at the event.

Remarkably, the under-10 girls Kata title has come to Vale Karate for the past four years. In 2008, Jessica Kinson was champion, with Chloe Fry beating Kloe in last year's final.

Jessica and Chloe, both now 10-years-old, have moved up to the under-12s where both reached the last four,

with former British champion Jessica earning a bronze, and former Commonwealth champion Chloe taking the gold medal.

With two gold medals secured, Vale Karate's trio of Welsh champions contesting the under-14 boys Kata event all gave everything to improve on that number, but it was not to be.

Bradley Christoforato, Nick Sherrin and Sion Kinson were up against some of Britain's best and had a torrid time.

However, when the dust had settled, Sion had progressed to the last four, where he had to settle for a hard-fought bronze medal.

Vale Karate's final competitor, Demi White, was entered in the under-14, plus-45Kg girls Kumite event, and weighing 46Kg, was surely the lightest in the large group.

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They had to impress the judging panel of professional dancers and choreographers, Marcelle Ward from the TV series 'Britannia High' and Sisco Gomez, who has recently been a judge on BBC 1 dance series 'So You Think You Can Dance', who were looking for accuracy, precision, musicality and performance attributes in every dancer.

The three schools representing the Vale of Glamorgan, all supported by officers from the 5x60 initiative, were Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, St Richard Gwyn High School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive.

The dancers competed in duos, quads and team divisions, hoping to win a place in the top 10, to allow them to compete in the National Schools Competition in Stoke on Trent later on this year.

The duo division was represented by all three schools very well and saw Millie Charles Davies and Sophia Hathaway, Frankie McGill and Christina Tsenti, Keera Gravett and Olivia Miller, Rhia Connors Dutton and Chariese Ludvigsen reach the semi-finals.

Success came with Amber Summers and Nioami Everitt from Bryn Hafren, who took third place with their duet performance.

The quad division was represented by dancers from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Bryn Hafren. None of the junior dancers were successful, unfortunately, as they all had lovely routines

that they performed to 'Boom Boom Pow' by the Black Eyed Peas.

The senior dancers, however, danced to 'Hotel Room' by Pitbull, where Rhia Connors Dutton, Chariese Ludvigsen, Amber Summers and Nioami Everitt from Bryn Hafren created a performance piece in just half an hour before the competition and managed to be placed sixth.

The team divisions had, overall, 85 schools perform on the day, which was very tiring for the dancers as they waited for their turn.

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg had a team of 17 dancers from years 7-9 who have been taught by Sophie Squires during a weekly 5x60 lunch time activity.

They were called 'Blaze' and consisted of Morgan Turnbull, Luke Perry, Jordan Slade, Chloe Staples, Chloe Luxton, Chenice Lincoln, Evie Carter, Rhian Bumford, Mia Pegrum, Kimberly Williams, Elysia Bobbett, Lowri Clarke, Kerys Jenkins, Millie Charles Davies, Alys Walton and Courtney Holloway.

Bryn Hafren was represented by a team of 17 dancers called 'BH2' from years 7 and 8, coached by Sam Barnett in their after school 5x60 dance club.

They were Chloe Dawkins, Hannah Taylor, Tillie Carter, Leah Abbott, Rebecca McGillivray, Rebecca Bowen, Humpreys, Stacey Byrne, Leah Shepperd, Sarah Arnold, Julia Holczman, Jaydene Carey, Michaela Winton, Rachel Hazelton, Mollie Snell, Shannon Close, Rowan Smith and Chloe Davies.

St Richard Gwyn were represented by a team called 'Ignite' from students in years 8 and 9



ABOVE: The Ignite dance team.



ABOVE: The Nu Skool team shows off their trophies.

who had been taught by Emma Mallam in their after school 5x60 dance club.

The dancers - Frankie McGill, Christina Tsenti, Keera Gravett, Olivia Miller, Paige Williams, Kate Spence, Chloe Paris, Olivia McCormack, Alisha Payne, Olivia Harris and Callum Osborne, managed to take eighth place with their fireman theme, which they will now per-

form at the national finals.

The senior team division only had a team called 'Nu Skool' from Bryn Hafren who choreographed the piece themselves.

The dancers - Amber Summers, Nioami Everitt, Vicky Howells, Bethan Thorngate, Kim Evans, Elise Tyler, Chariese Ludvigsen, Cerys Tanner, Rhia Connors Dutton and

Niaomi Hillen performed a piece based on school girls, which impressed the judges immensely and they were awarded second place in a very tough category.

They were over the moon with the result as they wanted to maintain their title of junior team champions that they won last year, and now they are senior team runners-up!

They are also very excited to compete against schools from across the UK in November where they will be judged by Pussycat Doll, Kimberlee Wyatt, and see performances from Diversity, George Samson and Chipmunk.

Michelle Davies, 5x60 officer for Bryn Hafren, said: "A massive well done to all the girls who took part, especially the seniors for getting into the finals."

"I am very proud and impressed with the level of ability from all the dancers who took part in the UDO Schools competition," said Emma Mallam - dance co-ordinator for Motion Control dance programme.

For more information about the 5x60 scheme, contact Ben Williams on 01446 704793, and for information on the Motion Control dance programme, contact dance co-ordinator Emma Mallam on 01446 733622.

Penarth Computer Club take a bite out of Ed's Apple

THE press is awash with news about the new iPad from Apple. It is the latest offering for personal computing. It is an all-singing and all-dancing product that is at the current cutting edge of technology.

By a strange stroke of fate, last week saw the passing of one of the men credited with starting the ball rolling back in the seventies - Ed Roberts.

Never heard of him? You will not be alone in that. Yet in 1975 he contracted a couple of youngsters, Bill Gates and Paul Allen, to write software for his first personal computer, the Altair.

The youngsters moved on and formed a company called Micro-Soft (soon to be Microsoft). Ed had financed computer time for the pair to develop the software and didn't want to license it for use by others. Microsoft disagreed and won the

resulting arbitration in 1977.

Ed was an engineer and was getting tired of management and already thinking of getting out. His share of the sale was \$2 million. The Altair was merged into a small business computer.

Ed moved back to the countryside and bought himself a farm and became a gentleman farmer. An agreement not to compete meant he couldn't start another hardware company. Not a problem as it turned out, as he had dreamt of being a doctor. He went to medical school in 1982 (at the age of 41) and qualified in 1986.

In fact, he had originally set out to be a doctor, but had also had an interest in electronics. He married while at university and when he started a family he had to drop out. He enlisted in the US Air Force to take advantage of their funding for a degree.

After becoming an instructor in the Cryptographic school, he was given the chance to pursue a degree in elec-

trical engineering, which he completed in 1968.

It was his acquaintance with hobbyists that spurred an interest in instrumentation and then calculators and subsequently computers.

Now, after an adventure into industry where he had been pushing forward the developments of personal computers and rubbing shoulders with the chap who would become the world's richest man - he had the qualification he had started out to get.

In 1986 he set up a practice in Cochrane, Georgia. Being a doctor in general practice is an achievement of which many would rightly be proud and that would justifiably give one a great sense of satisfaction.

To have had an interlude during which you pushed the frontiers of personal computing to change the world - well, that's something else again.

HOWARD DESMOND
(chairman)

'Helping Hands' event is held at the HUB



Labour candidate Alana Davies, Jane Hutt AM, former First Minister Rhodri Morgan, Gibbonsdown & Court Communities First Chair Molly Conway, and Communities First co-ordinator Sharon Topazio.

GIBBONSDOWN and Court Communities First last week held a jobs, training and volunteering fayre at the HUB with more than 20 agencies including Itec Training Genesis 2, Job Shop Extra, Conduit and Want 2 Work.

Local residents were able to access advice and information and talk to agencies about employment and training opportunities.

Communities First also promoted their community groups - including the luncheon club, Good Neighbour scheme, youth forum and allotment group.

New community group Grassroots were promoting their grass cutting day."



Vale of Glamorgan Council housing rep Amanda Robbins with Grassroots volunteers Courtney and Chris, Jane Hutt AM, and Youth Forum members Jess and Emily Peters.

'We are the morning DJs...'



A GROUP of year-6 pupils from Rhws Primary School (and one year-5) took over the airwaves at Bro Radio (Vale of Glamorgan radio station) recently.

The fantastic presenters were pupils Harry and Rhiannon, who held the show together brilliantly.

The house DJ for the morning was pupil Ryan, who chose all music with a Welsh theme - ranging from Tom Jones to The Lost Prophets.

All the pupils were able to present a segment of the show live, and although it was very nerve-racking, they all made a terrific job of it. Each link on the show

had been prepared beforehand and they all had a Welsh flavour.

The usual presenters, Steve Powell and Matthew Wilson, were very impressed with the professional attitude displayed by the pupils, and felt that there were some budding radio stars who could be after their jobs!

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Out and About with The GEM

Tears and laughter at 'An Audience with Sally Morgan'

BARRY Memorial Hall was packed last Saturday for 'An Audience with Sally Morgan'.

Having read her books and seen her on television in 'Psychic to the Stars', I was looking forward to seeing Sally Morgan live.

As I arrived, the air of anticipation and excitement was tangible as people of all ages, male and female, crowded into the auditorium to take their seats.

The first thing I noticed was the impressive stage arrangement with an interactive

by
JAN IRVING

screen and excellent sound and visibility for everyone.

Sally's entrance was greeted with loud applause and she was very quick to put the audience at ease. Over the next two hours she demonstrated her amazing psychic abilities.

Her sense of humour was evident throughout the evening, despite the many tragedies and heartaches that she touched on.

There were so many moving moments with many in the audience in tears, but followed by

plenty of laughter.

I cannot remember an evening I have enjoyed more, touching on all of my emotions.

The two hours went by all too quickly and it was with reluctance that we deservedly cheered Sally off the stage.

Sally Morgan is an amazing lady and I would highly recommend getting tickets for 'An Audience with Sally Morgan'.

Her next visit to the Memorial Hall, Barry, is on Tuesday, September 21. Get your tickets early - this is guaranteed to be yet another sell out!

Dinas Art Exhibition
DINAS POWYS Art Group's annual art exhibition and sale of original works takes place on April 24 and April 25 (10am - 4pm) at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys (entry 50p).

Refreshments and homemade cakes will be available. A percentage of sales will be donated to Marie Curie, Penarth.

This week's Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 614.

● £2000: 480086.
● The rollover, which stood at £1,500, was won by ticket No: 495616.

● £10: 416096; 370456; 551964; 784486; 545268; 846072; 683868; 813321; 123387; 491587.

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For lottery information, telephone 02920 672062.

A fun day for Welsh learners

B R I D G E N D College's Cowbridge Road Campus is throwing open its doors on Saturday, April 24, to 'Sadwrn Siarad' - 'Welsh Learners Day'.

More than 150 Welsh speakers are expected to attend, and they will have the perfect opportunity to practice their Welsh, meet other learners at their level and have a bit of fun as well.

Sadwrn Siarad begins at 10am (doors open at 9.30am) and runs until 3.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and include tuition, coffee and a light lunch.

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"By lowering the minimum age, the council hope to expose teenagers to safe physical activity from a young age and create exercise habits that last a lifetime," said cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest.

"Fourteen and 15 year olds will be treated exactly the same as other customers and will be able to train in a safe environment at our LifeStyle gyms and be monitored by well qualified staff."

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Volunteers make a huge impact on reading skills at Barry Comprehensive



Some of the volunteers who have helped Barry Comprehensive School's 'Better Reading Partnership' complete another successful term.

BARRY Comprehensive School's 'Better Reading Partnership' completed another successful term this Easter.

The partnership relies on specially-trained volunteers from the community who work in partnership with boys from years 7, 8 and 9, to help them improve their reading skills.

The school is very grateful to all the volunteers, past and present, without whose time and dedication the partnership would not be possible.

Pupils learn about Victorian schooldays



LEFT: There are (we are told) no more dunces caps in schools these days!

ABOVE: The pupils of Oakfield Primary learnt all about a different era during their recent 'Victorian Day', and came away with a greater understanding of the Victorian's impact on modern life.

YEAR-6 pupils at Oak Field Primary School recently experienced what school was like for Victorian children.

Mrs Barnfield, the assistant headteacher and year-6 teacher, held a 'Victorian Day' where they all dressed up and took part in old-style lessons.

They thoroughly enjoyed their day, and appreciated the differences in education between then and now.

A year-6 pupil said: "It was nice to have a change and see what it was like for Victorian children compared to now. If it wasn't for the Victorians, technology wouldn't be as it is today."

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

Three pupils are going to Aberystwyth University



ABOVE: Bethan Gwanas pictured with the Welsh department.

Visit by prolific Welsh author

PROLIFIC Welsh writer and dramatist Bethan Gwanas recently visited the Welsh department and the pupils were fortunate enough to take part in creative writing workshops with her.

Particularly delighted to meet her were the year-11 group taught by Miss Rhian Griffiths, who are studying one of her novels for their Welsh Literature GCSE. They are pictured, proudly flanking the author.



THREE girls from year-13 have been successful in their quest for an entrance scholar-

ship to the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Having sat entrance exams, Carys Jones from Dinas Powys, Michaela Townsend Ryan and Carys Williams from Barry (pictured) learnt that they had each been awarded a £1,000 scholarship to study drama (Carys Jones), history (Michaela) and English (Carys Williams).

Congratulations and best wishes for future success

On to the Urdd in Cardiganshire

A NUMBER of pupils, competing in 16 events, will be representing Cardiff and the Vale at the end of May in the Urdd Eisteddfod at Cardiganshire.

Talented pupils will compete in events ranging from folk dancing to a music theatre solo, and will be competing against schools from various parts of Wales.

Tudor is tops

The school's congratulations go to year-13 pupil Tudor Davies (pictured below), who was awarded second prize for best speaker in a recent young person's business competition.

Menter yr Ifanc is a competition where business students are required to compete against each other. The competition took place at

the end of March in Cardiff City Hall.

Three businesses from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, T2P (Events) Ltd, Siwgr Rush and Cam wrth Gam took part.

They were required to supply information about their history as a company and the profits they had made, as well as marketing their product.

It was certainly a worthwhile experience for them all, and we look forward to hearing about the team's future enterprises.



Tudor collects his award.

Win your school its own Eco-Activity Bench with Waitrose and The GEM

WAITROSE Barry have teamed up with The Glamorgan GEM, and we are offering one lucky reader the chance to win an eco-friendly activity bench for the school playground.

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PUBLIC MEETING

to discuss revised proposals with the Cabinet member for Education and Lifelong Learning and Vale of Glamorgan education officers.

Formal consultation on proposed new Welsh Medium Schools in Barry and Llantwit Major due to open September 2011.

27th April 2010,
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Vale Schools cruise into plate semi-finals

ON Wednesday, April 14, Vale Schools under-11s took on their counterparts from Cynon Valley.

In a one-sided affair, the Vale boys ran away with the game, with the pack and backs combining well to score some excellent tries, running out winners by 49-7.

It was an excellent warm-up for the quarter-final of the D C Thomas plate match against Bridgend Schools on Saturday, a game which saw the Vale ease into semi-finals with a win.

The Vale started well and only strong tackling from Bridgend kept them at bay.

From a scrum on the five-metre line, Joe Short fed the ball into the scrum, and picking up at the rear, he powered his way over to score. Cai Evans converted.

From the kick-off, the

Vale forwards again made their way upfield, and from a ruck on the 22 the ball was passed along line to Cai Evans, who ghosted through the defence to score under the posts, and then converted his own try.

A lapse in concentration at the re-start gifted the ball to Bridgend who passed the ball along the line to the winger, who raced in for an unconverted try, to make it 14-5.

A quick tap penalty by Spencer Robinson started the backs off with the ball, and Will Gale in the centre cut through the defence to score under the posts; the try was converted.

Bridgend moved upfield and with the help of a couple of penalties, managed to cross for a try right on half-time for a score of 21-10 to the Vale.

From the re-start, the Vale forwards started well, moving the big

Bridgend pack around the field, and from a ruck on the Bridgend 22, James Holder went inside three players on his way to score; Cai Evans added the conversion.

From a quick tap penalty, Bridgend crashed over to make it 28-17.

Bridgend added another try and the Vale players were now tackling for their lives. From a tackle in midfield, Bridgend split the ball. Will Gale was the first to react and picked up the ball, brushing off two tacklers on his way to score under the posts.

Cai Evans added the two points to make it a final score of 35-22.

Thanks to Bridgend Schools for a great match and the parents for providing the post match meal.

Sun brings best out of Sully Sports RFC

UNUSUALLY for an end of season touring fixture, the rugby matched the sunshine, as both teams played a high-paced open game, which produced one of the best spectacles this season.

Dartmouth were quickly into their stride with a series of speedy, open and well-supported attacks, but the Sully Sports defence stood firm.

Against the run of play, on 10 minutes, it was the Sports that got the first score, with outside-half Doug Powell intercepting 50 metres out, and scoring under the posts, adding the conversion himself.

The visitors were rewarded with an unconverted try five minutes later, following a bout of good handling and support play.

Slowly the Sports got on top up front, and this

SULLY SPORTS RFC DARTMOUTH 26 19

allowed them to use the pace and guile in their three-quarters. Full-back Dave Stillman finished off a flowing move on 20 minutes, converted by Powell, and was instrumental in setting up the third try on 35 minutes, catching his own kick-ahead and feeding Dave Weston, who sprinted in from 25 metres.

In the second period, Dartmouth took the ascendancy, only to be met by a resolute Sports defence. As in the first period, against the run of play, the hosts broke out from their own 22, and Dave Stillman sprinted 80 metres to score at the posts, converted by Powell.

At 21 points up and with only 20 minutes left, it looked odds-on for a comfortable win for the Sports, but back came Dartmouth to dominate the rest of the game, scoring a converted try with 10 minutes left, and another five minutes later, to leave the Sports hanging on for the last few minutes for the victory.

The season ends this Saturday, with a home game, kick-off at 2.30pm.

The league season finished with victory over local rivals Sea View RFC, on Saturday, April 10, which cemented Sully Sports RFC in second place in the Cardiff & District Premier Division.

Pumas edge game

FC PUMAS battled old rivals the Dockers in a gritty game at BSC.

Dockers controlled the early periods and had their best chance when Julian Brana lashed a screamer into the top corner, only for Pumas keeper Webb to pull off a stunning save.

Pumas took the lead after Hill pulled back the evergreen Ato. The referee had a quite word with them both, and amazed everyone by allowing a quick free kick into an empty net.

Pumas then had diminutive striker Good sent off after clashing with the robust Hill.

Dockers battled but didn't create any clear-cut chances as Anthony Powell and Richard Starr dominated for the Pumas defence.

Both teams always fail to see eye to eye but on this occasion they agreed about that refereeing decision!

Final score: Dockers 0 FC Pumas 1.

Mike's five-wicket haul gets Barry Wanderers off mark

THE season proper kicked off under a beautiful blue sky that, thanks to Icelandic volcanoes, was completely clear of aircraft and jet trails as well as clouds.

It made for a glorious spring-time scene as the Wanderers welcomed Cardiff Cavaliers to Hayes Point.

Skipper Jamie Keir picked up from where he left off last season by losing the toss and was asked to bat first on a grassy wicket.

It looked a good toss to win when Dean Thomas quickly departed in the second over without scoring. Luke Denning and Aled Hughes recovered but the former departed and he was quickly joined in the pavilion by Sam Bowen (who was clattered on the foot first ball and had to immediately leave for hospital) and new-boy Tom Edwards, who both fell cheaply.

The Cavaliers' McVeigh and Graveson were both bowling superbly and claimed two early wickets apiece. Hughes was spectacularly dropped when on four and he made them pay by smashing the ball to all parts.

He found a soul-mate in Jonny Hill, who also enjoyed putting the bowlers to the sword and the two of them made batting look easy.

They put on 51 for the fifth wicket until Hill was done by the pitch and was bowled for 28. Hughes carried on until he was caught behind for 72 and the lower order scraped to a score of 162 all out.

It wasn't until Edwards took a sharp catch at backward point off Hughes to dismiss Steadman for 23 that the wickets began to tumble, which is just as well as the Cavaliers were scoring quite freely.

The other opener McVeigh soon followed his partner when bowled by Parton for 16 and this prompted a middle-order collapse.

Wicketkeeper Keir and Parton combined twice (once in spectacular fashion) to dismiss both Davies and Marchant for a pair of ducks, and by the time the evergreen Mike Ashton started his spell, the brakes were on.

Only Pritpal (who was Ashton's first victim, stumped by Keir) and Graveson, both scoring 16, offered any real resistance as wickets fell regularly.

Ashton claimed his first five-wicket haul of 2010, supported at the other end by the pace of Jonny Hill, who claimed his first Wanderers' wicket, and the spin of Phillip John.

The fielding was also superb and it was a real team effort to dismiss the Cavaliers for 96, thus

BARRY WANDERERS CARDIFF CAVALIERS v

securing a 96 run victory. The Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man of the match was Mike Ashton for his five wickets.

BARRY WANDERERS v CAERPHILLY and BEDWAS

STAND IN skipper Andy Fenton was given the task of keeping the winning start to BWCC's 40th year going.

On another cracking day, the toss was lost and BWCC were asked to bat. Ferguson and Coleman opened up and it was the latter who departed, third ball to the excellent Langford, bowled for a duck.

Ferguson smashed a few good fours before inside edging one behind.

Johnson (two), Wade (quickfire 16), Ridgwell (nine) and Gist - after useful resistance with 15 - departed and BWCC were struggling on 61 for 6.

A 49 run partnership between Fenton and Blundell restored some pride before the latter went for a solid 18.

James Griffiths batted sensibly for his 13 and Rob Tucker (in at 10!) then joined Fenton at the crease.

For the next eight overs

these two put on 70 runs, smashing the ball to all parts.

Tucker introduced his trademark cross bat swat for six, and ended the innings 35 not out and Fenton on 63 not out - his first 50 (and jug!) for two years - the score 215 for 9.

After tea, Mantell opened with some great pace and carry, and Fenton (2 for 42) removed the useful M Davies, caught by Mantell at fly-slip for one.

For the next 21 overs BWCC were playing chase the ball! Bluet and Evans were striking the ball well and whatever field placing was used, the gap was found.

A belated recovery, mainly thanks to the impressive Rob Tucker (4 for 20), a direct hit run out from James Griffiths, and a catch from Dave Johnson - a one handed effort diving to his right - wasn't enough to save the day and BWCC were beaten by three wickets with just five overs remaining.

The Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man of the match was Robert Tucker for his quickfire 35 not out and 4 for 20.

Seconds offer a 'spirited display'

STAR RFC BARRY 2nds 19 12

AFTER last week's thrilling last-minute victory over Llanishen, Barry returned to the road to face STAR in St Mellons.

With injuries and unavailabilities depleting the Barry squad, several players were given a chance, including three from the youth team.

Barry started the game in high spirits, making immediate inroads into the STAR defence.

STAR's defence held firm though, and they came back to find themselves in the attack, and quick ball from the contact area allowed them to score a converted try.

That did not dampen the away side's determination, as the depleted backline kept things simple, snuffing out any chance the home side had to increase their lead.

The Barry forwards continued to dominate but just after half-time, the home side scored again.

Another fine conversion saw them open up a 14-point lead, but Barry would not lie down.

Thrice Barry were denied on the line, and when some were won-

dering if a penalty try should have been awarded, the ball was swung out to the left with Edge seemingly touching down comfortably, only for the referee to rule it out.

With more fresh legs joining the Barry tight five, the away side turned the screw. Jason Thomas, returning from a long layoff, made an immediate impact as he powered through to score. Lee missed the difficult conversion.

The home side pulled away again, grounding over from short range.

Barry had the last say, though, when good line-out ball was won by Kyle Case for the umpteenth time and David Hosking drove over to score. Lee's conversion was slide rule this time.

Despite the defeat, Barry could hold their heads high, for it was a spirited display that they put up against the odds.

Team: Evans; Chow, D Williams, Edge, C Thomas; J Williams, Lee; Sullivan, Turnbull, Hosking; Reynolds, Dutton; Case (c). Hitchcock, McTavish. Subs used: J Thomas, Rolfe, Houldrey, Hargodan, Manley, Vokes. Man-of-the-match: D Williams. KC

Deadline for Motor Cars is 12 noon on Tuesday

SPORTS NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

Under-18s take title at top sevens tournament



ABOVE: The school's rugby first XV, who were just pipped in the Welsh Schools Cup final.

THE school was delighted recently when the under-18s sevens team triumphed in the Llandovery College Invitation Sevens competition.

The team beat Ysgol Preseli, Crymch, in a close and exciting final, having registered victories over fancied sides Christ College Brecon and Llandovery College itself.

The team, captained by Lloyd Thomas from Dinas Powys, have enjoyed an immensely successful season. The full first team won through to the Welsh Schools Cup final, having beaten Radyr 20-10 at the Old Pens Ground Penarth.

The final was played at UWIC at the beginning of April, where the Bro Morgannwg side were narrowly beaten 11-6 in an enthralling contest by local rivals Glantaf.

Welsh gymnastics success!

A NUMBER of pupils gained particular recognition and praise at the recent Welsh Gymnastics championship.

In the Welsh Schools tumble and vault finals, the following pupils were successful: Elinor Lewis (under-19 champion),



ABOVE: The sevens team.



ABOVE: Some of the girl gymnasts who took medals.

Elinor Lewis and Finlay Haswell (under-19 team champions), Rhidian Mephram (under-19 runner up), Ffion Byrne (under-13 champion and team first), Iwan Mephram (under-13 runner up).

RIGHT: A podium finish for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg gymnasts.



Barry's Aaron minds the net for victorious Welsh ice hockey team



B A R R Y Comprehensive School's Aaron Archer has recently returned from Rotherham where he represented Wales in the Hockey Super League Championship.

The Wales team played a series of matches against English regional teams, culminating in a final against south-west England.

Aaron, who is in year 10, is the goalie for the team and his skills proved essential in securing Wales' victory in the final.

Aaron and his team mates were especially proud of their achievement, because this was the first time the Wales under-14 team had won the championship.

LEFT: Aaron with his trophy and the shield.

Hopes are high for the Welsh point-to-point 'Grand National' day

by BRIAN LEE

THE Welsh point-to-point 'Grand National' takes place at Redlands Park Racecourse, Bonvilston, on Saturday and last year's winner Misamon, is expected to face the starter.

Others of note for this three-and-a-half mile mixed open race include that good stayer Minsgill Man, Roznic and Oca De Thix.

An interesting entry is Cool Cliche, whose owner Ian Brice, who lives not far from the course, won it some years ago with High Guardian.

However, Cool Cliche who has been placed in good company under rules, is still without a win and has also been entered for the open maiden race.

More than 160 horses have been entered for the six races and the course has been watered on a daily basis.

Racing gets under way with the members' race at 2pm and Mrs Rae Jones has high hopes of winning it with her Up There, which finished third in the Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire meeting last weekend.

The Dunraven Bowl

Novices Hunter Chase open to horses qualified in the south and west Wales areas will be held at Chepstow Racecourse tomorrow (Friday) and Master Charm, trained by Abbi Vaughan at Aberthyn, is expected to give reigning Welsh champion rider Rhys Hughes his third win in this prestigious race.

A good win for Diamondaire
DENISE Williams's Diamondaire was an impressive winner at the West Somerset Vale Point-To-Point

Steeplechases at Cotlestone.

Confidently ridden by Ogmores Nick Williams (no relation) Diamondaire, who was racing for the first time, won his division of the two-and-a-half-mile maiden race by 15 lengths, the fastest of the two maiden race winners.

Diamondaire is trained by Mrs Williams's husband Phil, a former leading point-to-point rider who served his time with the legendary trainer Bruce Hobbs who, at 17, remains the youngest rider to have won a Grand National.

Castleland Tae Kwon Do stars are on Paul O'Grady

RIGHT: Tae Kwon Do students from Castleland meet Paul O'Grady.

MASTER Leon Shakespeare, who conducts Tae Kwon Do classes at Castleland Community Centre, and his young students were selected to appear on The Paul O'Grady Show recently.

Parents, Eileen Moore, the Castleland Community Association chair, and Sue Brine, the community manager, were also invited.

Everyone was treated to an all expenses paid trip to Olga TV studios in London, which included a one night stay-over in a hotel adjacent to the London Eye.

As you can see from the photograph, everyone was made more than welcome and were also given a conducted tour of the studio.

Rehearsals went well and recording began with Leon and the group demonstrating Tae Kwon Do moves and mock fighting.

Paul O'Grady surprised them all by providing them with new suits, a set of mats to practise on, lockers, and a cheque to cover the expense of annual licences and subscription fees.

The donation will enable Leon's Tae Kwon Do group to grow and continue to provide the community with a valuable service.

Later, in the green room, Paul was presented with a Welsh woolly hat, which he said would be ideal to wear on his allotment.

Paul and his crew were marvellous and made everyone feel comfortable and welcome.

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Castleland youngsters 'thrilled' with new kit

CASTLELAND Football Club has been able to purchase a new kit for the team, thanks to Castleland Community Association, CYPIC (Children and Young People in the Community), and Paravision.

The club is managed and run by two local resident volunteers, Mathew and Tanya Dee, who are both fully trained in FAW and sports leader courses.

Coaching sessions are held on a Sunday afternoon in Castleland Community Centre from 3pm-4 pm for children aged five-12 years. New players are welcome.

Mathew said: "At the club, children have the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends,

build their social skills and most importantly have fun - all free of cost.

"On behalf of our members at the club, we would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors. The children are absolutely thrilled to at last have a new kit and the identity and ownership that goes with it."

For more information on the club, please call 01446 403549.

Tennis hopefuls join UK coaching scheme

A NUMBER of junior tennis players from the Vale have been retained on the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) AEGON FutureStars programme for a second consecutive year.

The players that have been reselected are: Safiyyah Azeez (Dinas Powys), a 16-year-old who trains at the Esporta Health and Racquets Club, Cardiff; James Hignett (Penarth, 17) who trains at the International High Performance Centre at the University of Bath; and Matthew Kamal (Pontyclun, 13), who

trains at the Esporta Health and Racquets Club, Cardiff.

The players are among 395 youngsters selected for the programme which recognises and supports some of the best juniors in the country, based on the individual player's talent ID assessment or ranking.

They were first awarded a place on the AEGON FutureStars programme in 2009, and after a successful year on court, have been selected as part of the 2010 intake of players.

They will join top juniors who all receive varying levels of funding and support from the LTA.



James Hignett.



Matthew Kamal.

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Mr Roger Hall – 50 **Plassey Street, Penarth** – conversion of existing workshop to dwelling with vehicular and pedestrian access.
Mr Simon Lane – **Northcliff Farm, Dyffryn** – extension and alterations to farmhouse, plus replace existing attached dairy building with residential extension and alterations to domestic curtilage.
Mr and Mrs G May – 6 **Brig-y-Don Hill, Ogmere by Sea** – loft conversion, including erection of dormer to form elevation.
Mrs Emma Lang – 39 **Teifi Drive, Barry** – proposed rear single storey kitchen extension.
Mr Clive Francis – 6 **Twyn yr Eglwys, Colwinston** – two storey extension to existing dwelling providing new kitchen dining room and en-suite bathroom.
Mr Nicholas Bastier – **Mor Don, 14 Main Road, Ogmere by Sea** – demolish existing porch and rebuild to new dimensions, extend existing garage to incorporate woodshed and store.
Mr Graham – **San Marco House, 26 Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmere By Sea** – single storey front extension.
Ms J Williams – 5 **Town Mill Road, Cowbridge** – reduction of two metres to sycamore and

almond; and around 60cms from a conifer and acer.
Mrs George – **Aberthyn House, Llanquian Road, Aberthyn, near Cowbridge** – dismantle cherry in rear garden and leaning ash in front garden.
Mr Jones – 11 **Elm Grove, Barry** – proposed external refurbishment works and conservatory to rear of property.
Mr Brendan Boyle – **Woodland Rise, St Andrews Road, Dinas Powys** – amendment to full planning permission 2009/00774/FUL – dormer window on front elevation.
Mrs Tara Lloyd – **Peterston Super Ely Primary School, Heol Llanbedr, Peterston Super Ely** – erection of hexagonal wooden shelter.
Mr Russell Evans – **Marlborough Farm Lodge, Crossways, Cowbridge** – erection of double storey side extension, conservatory, porch and double garage to front.
Mrs Rita Patel – 83 **South Road, Sully** – retention of two-metre high gates and pillar.
Mrs Carol Dagwell – **The Stables, Penllyn** – construction of new conservatory.
Mr S Collier – **Springfield, Westra,**

Dinas Powys – proposed car port.
Mr Neil Fox – **Foxy's Delicatessen, 7 Victoria Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth** – variation of condition No 3 referring to opening times attached to approved application 05/01050/FUL for a proposed rear extension and basement conversion to provide additional seating and kitchen/prep area.
Mr Wesley Drew – 45 **Spencer Drive, Llandough** – two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of existing house and former detached garage.
Mr Matthew Reypert – 97 **Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth** – first floor bedroom extension.
Mr Geraint Williams – 4 **Mountjoy Crescent, Penarth** – single storey rear extension.
Mrs Frampton – **Great Hamston Farm, Dyffryn** – conservatory to rear.
Mr Chris Coxon – 14 **Park Road, Barry** – convert roof space to living rooms and bathroom.
Mrs Heather Morrison – 5 **Church Crescent, St Hilary** – erection of single storey extension to front and rear of existing house.
Penarth Town Council – **The Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth** – replace existing roof light turret

with flush rooflight, replace existing external steel access/escape staircase to first floor flat and install CCTV security cameras on main building and on isolated garage building.
Mr and Mrs BW Toult – **The Old Vicarage, A48 Cowbridge Road, Bonvilston** – proposed alterations to roof and internal alterations to enable additional living accommodation at first floor level; single storey side extension to provide sunroom, construction of proposed detached double garage with store above.
Mrs Anwen Pegrum – **Downcross, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major** – alter window details to rear elevation of house.
Mr David Avraam – **Bwthyn Castell, West Street, Llantwit Major** – proposed side and rear extensions, including basement excavation and front elevation alterations.
Mrs Ann Macdougall – 7 **Cefn Mount, Dinas Powys** – single storey extension and dormer to rear elevation.
Curo Sterling (Valegate) Ltd – **Unit B, Valegate Retail Park, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – mixed use development comprising retail warehousing, garden centre, office development and fast food

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Mr and Mrs James – 7 **Cowper Close, Penarth** – conservatory to the rear elevation.
Springfield (Llandow) Ltd – **Springfield Spray, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge** – amendment to existing planning permission – 2009/00919/FUL 1. Alterations to location of personnel access door 2. Change of building cladding material to lower section of RHS gable wall 3. Change in location of high level ventilation grilles.
Mr Hayden Thomas – **Maendy Uchaf Farm, Maendy, Cowbridge** – proposed new hay and machinery storage building.
Mr Simon Stratton – 50 **Brookfield Avenue, Barry** – extension to side of property to provide general storage.
Mr Richard Thomas – 5 **Cherwell Road, Penarth** – addition of dormer windows in roof, addition of new bi-fold

doors, amendments to window location and sizes and internal plan adjustments.
TB Davies (UK) Ltd – **Waterton House, Brocastle Avenue, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – extension to existing industrial unit.
Mr John Collins – 14 **Benecroft, Rhosce** – conversion of existing garage to proposed dining room.
Mr Tony Underdown – 26 **Adenfield Way, Rhosce** – single storey rear extension.
Mr Ian Gaughan – **Southwinds, St Lythans** – erection of structure to enclose external swimming pool with accommodation above.
Mr Philip Baker – 10 **Clos Tawe, Barry** – demolish porch and create a garage at existing 10 Clos Tawe. Utilise southern 290m2 of plot to create a new three-bed house with garage. To facilitate this demolish existing garage in southern part of plot. Provide rear amenity space by providing a culvert for existing stream/water course that runs through plot.
The Matthew Pruett Trust – **Sutton Farm, Fort Road, Lavernock, Penarth** – extension of approved residential curtilage.

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GEM sport

League leaders next on the agenda as... Barry RFC earn a comfortable victory over Cilfynydd

AFTER three matches 'on the road', it was a welcome return to the sunny uplands of the Reservoir Field last Saturday.

Under clear blue sky, the home team had the slope in their favour during the first half. They wasted no time in taking advantage of this when Gee crossed for a try after only two minutes,

BARRY RFC 48
CILFYNYDD 0

converted by Cummings.

Hardy was playing an outstanding role in setting up field position for the forwards to exploit, and from such pressure Cilfynydd conceded a penalty that was converted by the Barry captain.

There followed a

period of unexciting play, during which the visitors sought to draw some sting from the Barry forwards by keeping the ball close to the ruck and lineout.

During the second quarter, Barry re-asserted forward control and paved the way for tries by Evans, Lee and Ryan,

two of which were converted by Cummings.

The last of these scores gave the home side the precious bonus point.

The second half opened on a worrying note for Barry with Hardy having to leave the field with a hand/arm injury.

However, there was a ready-made solution to the problem with Cummings moving from full-back to outside-half.

The home side now started to put together a string of crunching tackles that opened up the field for good handling to put Provis over in the corner.

After a good break by Cummings and further good work by A. Brown, Adams was sent over for the sixth try of the game. After that score, a general lack of concentration caused the game to meander and lose intensity.

Not surprisingly, the scene was changed by some serious 'handbags', leading to yellow cards for Hadfield and a Cilfynydd player.

The visitors now had their best period of play with continuous pressure being applied inside the Barry 22. With the referee spotting several home team infringements, it was necessary for their defence to be strong and well organised, which it was.

Aided by one superb 90 metre relieving touchline kick, the danger was overcome.

The reward for these efforts was another good try by Adams, which owed everything to a very well timed pass from A. Brown.

Next Saturday, Barry play home against top-of-the-table Blackwood Stars - it should be a fascinating encounter!

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Late comeback is not quite enough for Dinas

DESPITE not gaining any points from this game, it was a much improved performance from the previous week with some attractive football being played by both sides at times.

Dinas took the game to the visitors from the start with an early Tom Hutton strike being deflected over the bar.

A good cross from Hutton found Mark Dunford, but his effort was off target, and the long throw-ins from

Welsh League Division 1
DINAS POWYS 2
CAMBRIAN AND CLYDACH 3

Steve Provis were causing the Cambrian defence some problems.

It was the visitors who opened the scoring, however, when a cross from the left found Jason Bertorelli in the six yard box for a simple tap-in on 25 minutes.

Just two minutes later the visitors doubled their lead when the same player burst through the middle of the Dinas defence to beat Peter Blain from six yards.

Dinas were still having more of the ball and forced several corners without any reward, and down at the other end Blain had to tip a goal-bound lob from Dane Williams over the bar when he was played in by Bertorelli.

The closest Dinas came to scoring in the first half was from a superb cross from Jo Hinds which found Tony Wallis, but his shot was saved one handed by Jarrod Howells.

Just before the interval the visitors made it 3-0. With the Dinas contingent screaming for off-side, Michael Jones lobbed the ball to the pacy Bertorelli who grabbed his hat-trick.

Linford Harris replaced Owain Adams in the second half.

Dinas began to gradually get on top and their never-say-die attitude

was great to see.

After a good passing move involving several players, Tom Hutton struck a sweet shot from the edge of the 18 yard box which just cleared the bar.

With 20 minutes remaining and the Cambrian defence appearing to tire, Dinas were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box after Harris was tripped and Jacob Rudman drove a low shot through the wall to beat Howells for 1-3.

With a few minutes remaining and Dinas very much dominating play, a free-kick from the left by Barry Pappin reached Tony Wallis, who somehow scrambled the ball home under the diving keeper.

Despite pressing as hard as they could the equaliser wouldn't come, although Dinas certainly deserved something from the game.

Injury-hit Barry are left frustrated

CARDIFF CORINTHIANS 2
BARRY TOWN 0

HAVING beaten their hosts recently at Jenner Park, the Dragons' hopes of completing a double were dashed inside the first 20 minutes.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield was forced into changes again in this injury-ravaged season. That the club have managed to fulfil fixtures has been a miracle.

Richard Johnson in goal replaced the unavailable Dan Bradley, and had a fine game despite playing only his second game of the season. He had no chance with either of the Corries goals.

The man in the middle continually frustrated the Barry Town players, management and supporters with some bizarre decisions and this eventually boiled over, and the vastly experienced Damon Searle was sent off half way through the first half following an altercation with an opposing

player. The Dragons were appealing for consistency from the referee, but it seemed to matter little.

A poor first half for The Dragons finished with the score line at 2-0 to The Corries.

There must have been strong words at half-time, as the 10-man Barry Town side started to take control of the game. Chris Golton, in the Corries goal, kept his team in the lead with a string of saves.

It was inevitable that Corries would also create chances but Richard Johnson brought off a magnificent double save when a Corries striker was clean through on goal.

The Corries two first half goals ended up deciding the game, but the Dragons felt hard done by and despite playing more than half the game with 10 men, could have got a point out of the game but for the saves made by the Corries 'keeper.

Seconds' bonus point comes with a five star performance

WITH the end of the season looming, games are coming thick and fast for Barry seconds and they travelled to this tricky looking away tie at Canton on Wednesday.

Barry signalled their intention from the off, with some good tactical kicking from captain Chris Cummings putting pressure on the Canton defence. From a home infringement, Cummings punished them with his boot to put Barry in the lead.

The away side continued to probe into the Canton half. Quick recycling from a ruck allowed the ball to be spread out wide, and good hands from James Hadfield and Daniel Ryan put Ashley Adams through to score in the corner.

Canton were struggling to have any foothold in the game and it was no surprise when Barry increased their lead, this time scoring in the other corner through Luke Bounds, after he was put through by

CANTON RFC 8
BARRY 37

Ashley Brown.

The home side finally got into the Barry half from a break by their backs, only to be stopped by a crunching tackle by Ryan. Their territory eventually told as they clawed back three points via a penalty.

Their reprieve was short-lived, however. The home side were reduced to 14 men just before half-time as the referee produced a red card, and Cummings added insult to injury with another well-struck penalty.

Despite their numerical advantage, the away side struggled to rack up the points early on in the second half as Canton defended stoutly. Eventually, Bounds broke away on the wing to set up the chance of a pushover try, only to be held up on the line. From the resultant scrum, Barry did score, however, with Matthew George touching down.

Cummings' conversion was a formality, and

by now Barry were looking for their fourth try for that vital bonus point. It duly came just minutes later when a clever chip-and-chase from Tomos Lee saw him rewarded with a try.

Ryan visited the sin-bin late on for some cynical play close to his own touch line, and with Canton regaining parity in numbers they scored a consolation try after exerting a period of pressure.

It was, however, Barry who had the last word as Bounds sprinted half the length of the pitch to score his second try. Cummings' conversion meant that Barry came out 37-8 winners.

Team: Ryan; Bounds, Provis, Evans, Adams; Lee, Cummings (c); Brown, Gee, Haskell; King, Gill; H. Jones, Hadfield, George. Subs: P. O'Sullivan, R. O'Sullivan, G. Jones, Hollister.

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